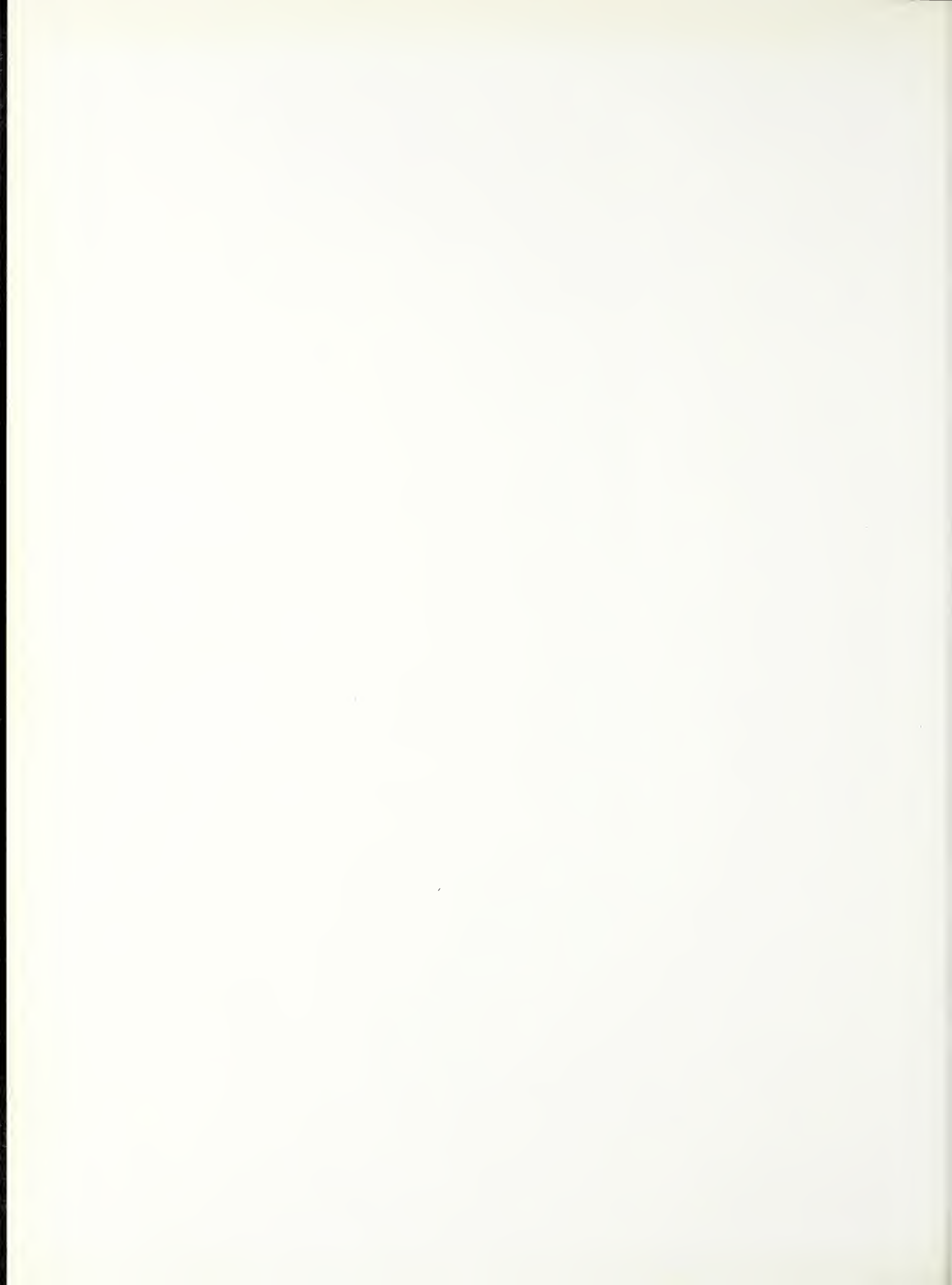





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USM Archives

The SGA raised money to light the dome of the Administration Building, as seen on the cover. Here, a photo of the same building from 1946, looking through the now-absent front gates of campus. This is one of many aspects of the campus that have changed while continuing to uphold a tradition of excellence.

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The 1997 Liberty Bowl was a golden one for the Golden Eagles. With a formidable offense and defense, the boys in gold easily pushed aside the Pittsburgh Panthers.



Jennifer Perry

Fans rushed the field and the roar of triumph was overwhelming. The Golden Eagles had crushed the opposition and carried away the Conference USA Liberty Bowl trophy in victory.

Julie Ragusa

Competitions of **EXCELLENCE**

by Leslie Walker

The quarter ended, the crowd cheered and rushed out on the field ready to tear apart the opposing team. The only casualty was a goal post, ripped out of the ground and carried to the other end of the field by excited fans.

Golden Eagle fans had reason to be excited- their team had just played one of their best games of the season against the Houston Cougars. The 33-0 victory assured USM of an invitation to the Liberty Bowl.

The Conference USA commissioner and Liberty Bowl Association President were on hand to announce the personal invitation to the Liberty Bowl Stadium in Memphis, Tennessee on December 31st. President Horace Fleming gladly accepted the invitation along with a replica of the Liberty Bell.

USM had one more team to play, the Memphis Tigers, but this almost scrimmage only whet the team's appetite for the Pittsburgh Panthers.

The Eagles went into the the game with an 8-3 record and a chip on their collective shoulder. They dominated the game from the beginning and only allowed the Panthers to score seven points.

Sherrard Giddeon set a record for the most touchdown passes by one person. The defense also set a record with three touchdowns. By the end of the fourth quarter, the Eagles had soundly beat the Panthers by the biggest margin in Bowl history, 41-7.

Structures of EXCELLENCE

by Alex Burns

When walking across campus, it is impossible to ignore, argue against or dispute the fact that our university is rapidly establishing a new tradition of excellence.

Major campus improvements began several years ago with the renovation of Cook Library and the construction of the Payne Center athletic facilities. Since then, there has been no sign that major campus construction projects or improvements are going to be stopping any time soon.

One of the more recent additions to our university's campus has been the construction of an electric display sign at the corner of Hardy Street and Highway 49. The sign, when completed and activated, will serve as a message center for students, faculty, alumni and the general public. Funding for the sign has been largely raised by the USM Greeks.

Another sign of changing times can be seen on the western side of campus, near Joseph Greene Hall. The construction of a new building for the College of Liberal Arts began in the Fall of 1997, and completion is expected in 1999. The new building is being erected at a cost of \$10.8 million, but it will give priceless benefits to liberal arts students and faculty. An \$11.8 million theater and dance building is also being constructed.

Further projects that have already been approved by the university include the construction of a new residence hall, the renovation of the student Union and the establishment of a pedestrian plaza with a 60 foot clock tower.

The construction of a new liberal arts building on the west side of campus will offer a brighter tomorrow for those students in a liberal arts discipline.



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A Renewal of **EXCELLENCE**

by Alex Burns

The next time you walk or drive by the R.C. Cook University Union, make sure you take a good look at it. It might not be the same the next time you see it.

A major overhaul for the Union is in the near future; a total renovation project that will make the Union a literal one-stop establishment for virtually all student needs.

The plan, proposed in 1997, was presented by Pennsylvania consultants Paul Knell and Glen Shultz. Their plan calls for a complete reconstruction of the existing Union and the demolition of McClesky and McMillan halls. Erected in their place will be an amazing, three-story 194,000 square-foot complex that will include food services, a business office, computer labs, a movie theater and a lavish ballroom and banquet hall.

University administrators, ranging from Union coordinators to the university president, welcomed the idea of a student union that offers so many options. Dr. Fleming enthusiastically described the project, saying, "This could be the most important facility that we ever build in terms of quality of student life."

Students were also consulted through surveys and meetings to discover their ideas for the new student union. David Taylor, a 21-year-old senior biology major said, "I think that some of these ideas are long overdue. The university needs a ballroom. It needs another computer lab, but," he added with a wry grin, "just as long as they keep the post office, I'll be happy."



photo submitted by Barbara Ross



The R.C. Cook University Union is about to receive a massive facelift. Among the features to be added are a computer lab, food services and an outdoor cafe and recreational area.

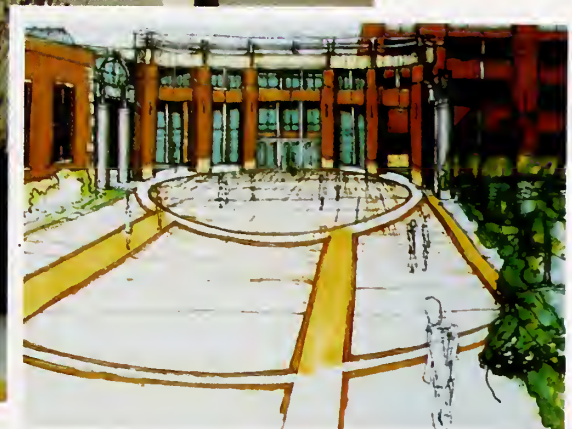
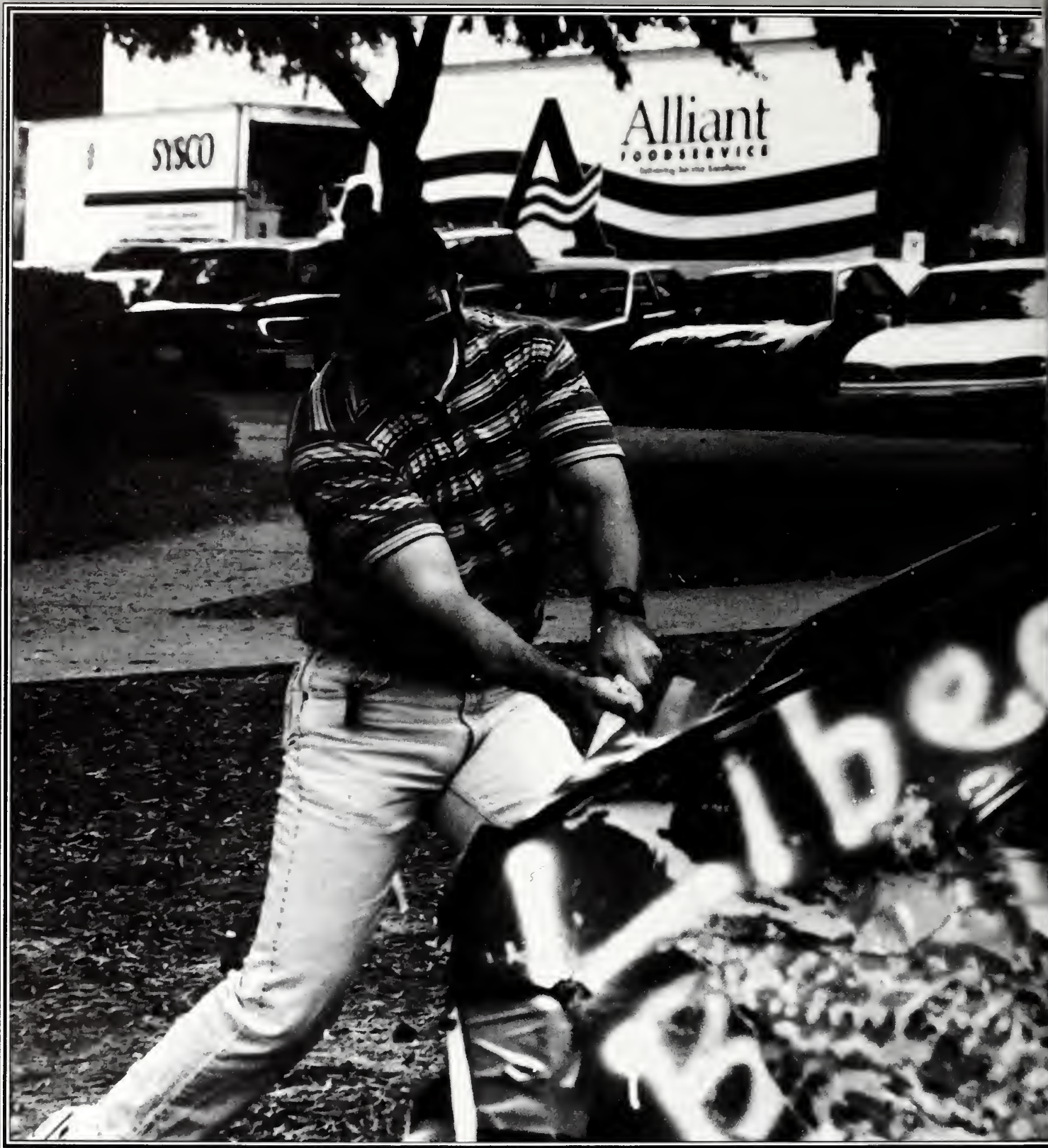
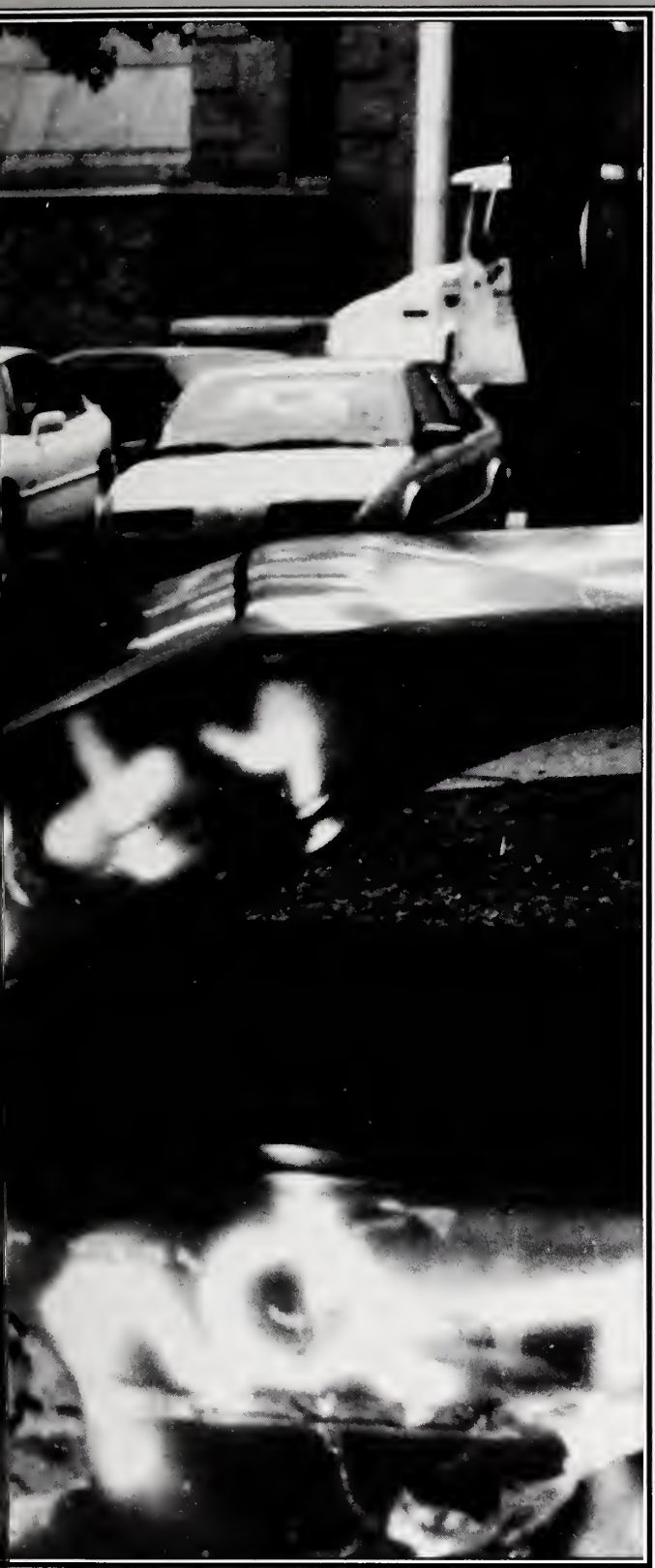


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An early design concept for the refitted Union reveals some of the ambitious advances and improvements.



Campus Life



Traditions of **EXHILARATION**

by Alex Burns

Fortunately, USM provides a number of activities that give students a welcome break from academia when the stresses of the classroom get to be too much to handle.

Activities range from involvement in social or service organizations to cheering on the Golden Eagles at sporting events to just walking down the hall of the dormitories to see some friendly neighbors.

The diversity of campus activities has been met with great appeal by the student body, literally providing something for everyone at USM.

Photo by Michael Russell

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Julie Ragusa

Ashley Austin proudly displays the gold medal that he earned at this year's National College Weightlifting Championships in Savannah, Georgia. Ashley credits his achievement to determination, excellent coaching, and the grace of God.

Ashley Austin spends over 20 hours per week in the gym honing his weightlifting skills. It is this determination and dedication that allowed Austin to achieve a first place victory for his weight class at the National College Weightlifting Championships this year.



Julie Ragusa

Mind, Body, and Soul

by Scott Weems and Leslie Walker

The power to perform.

Hard work and determination are immeasurable forces that drive certain athletes above and beyond the competition.

For Ashley Austin, a 21 year-old junior majoring in Sports Administration, it was the combination of those two things that helped him win first place in the 91 kilograms weight class at the National College Weightlifting Championships in Savannah, Georgia, on October 11 and 12.

Austin won the championship with career-best lifts in the snatch and the clean and jerk. Austin "snatched" 155 kilograms (406 pounds) in the clean and jerk to win the event against over 100 competitors from all around the nation by a margin of over 16 pounds. He was the only representative from Mississippi in the competition.

The 6'2", 183 pound Austin has defied the odds that go against weight lifters over six feet tall. Taller weight lifters have proportionally longer arms which means they have higher to lift the weight and more pressure is put on their back.

As a high school athlete, Austin was told by his coaches at John Curtis in New Orleans to stick to other sports. He later went on to win championships during his junior and senior years.

"When I started competing at 15, most people probably thought I'd quit when it got too hard or as I grew, but even though there were days I wanted to cry it has all been worth it," says Austin.

"My coaches told me that I was too tall, and that I should stick to track and football, and the other sports that I competed in," Austin said.

"That helped to motivate me even more, knowing that some people didn't think I could do it."

Many of them certainly would have thought he was going to lose if they would have known about the mission work that he completed just a few days before the

competition. Austin spent 10 weeks in the Pacific Northwest acting as a student preacher in coordination with his church and the Baptist Student Union. He and four other missionaries traveled throughout the area witnessing and attending revivals.

"I knew I wouldn't be able to work out as often, but the change was drastic. I went from training about 20 hours a week to more like three. However, I knew I couldn't let the people who were hungering for the Lord's word or my fellow missionaries be neglected."

"I put everything in our savior Jesus Christ's hands and put 110% into the mission."

Austin has proven critics wrong. Over the last three years Austin has worked out steadily trying to keep himself at the top of his sport. He presently works out by himself three

hours a day, six days a week here at USM with his sights set on bigger and better things.

The Louisiana native has a very close knit family and at first only considered local schools. Then he made a visit to USM and Hattiesburg.

"I knew as soon as I stepped on campus that this is where the Lord wanted me to be. I knew I'd be away from my trainer and family, but I knew this is where I could do the Lord's work."

Austin finds it easy to put his faith in a Lord he has trusted his entire life.

Austin's plans after graduation aren't definite, but his intelligence and talent have given him endless opportunities.

"After I get my degree from USM I want to go to grad school in Tennessee, Nebraska or Colorado. I may also possibly go into the ministry."

"Of course, my ultimate goal is to reach the 2000 Olympics," Austin said. "But for now, I'm looking forward to competing in the American Open in St. Joseph, Missouri, in November."

"My coaches told me that I was too tall and that I should stick to track and football ... that helped to motivate me even more..." -Ashley Austin



The Britain family: Front row: **Cindy Britain, April Britain, Sarah Britain**; Back row: **Taylor Britain, Hannah Britain, and Ralph Britain.**

All work and no play has not made **Ralph Britain** a dull boy. He has returned to college to study nursing after a 17 year hiatus, earning a stellar academic record while supporting a family of six.





The Great Britains

by Marla McCardle

A stepping stone to something better.

College life is hard enough without the added responsibilities of raising four children, keeping a home, sharing duties of a job, maintaining a marriage, handling financial obligations and being active in the community.

Ralph and Cindy Britain, however, are doing all these things at once and doing them successfully. The Britains are both full-time students pursuing degrees in nursing.

Ralph is a student at USM and will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Ralph waited 17 years before coming back to college to start on a nursing education. He chose to attend USM because of the nursing program's reputation, the financial feasibility and family housing availability.

The couple, married 15 years ago, now live in Pine Haven, USM's family housing, with their four active children: April, 13, Sarah, 11, Hannah, 9, and Taylor, 6. Although pursuing an education in this field has always been an interest of Cindy's, she was very apprehensive. Cindy waited until all the children were in school before beginning her nursing studies. She is enrolled in night classes at the Hattiesburg campus of Pearl River Community College working toward an associate's degree.

As Cindy completes her associates degree, Ralph will be ready to begin his graduate work in anesthesiology. Ralph is very involved and driven both inside and outside the classroom. He was selected as the 1997 Fuld Fellowship recipient, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and many other scholastic achievements. One achievement Ralph said he is particularly proud of is his membership in Sigma Theta

Tau Nursing Honor Society. This is a well-rounded honor based on leadership, community service and GPA requirements of core nursing courses. Ralph gave this advice to other non-traditional students:

"Make your college experience everything it can be. It doesn't matter how old you are. If you want to get involved in something, do it. I've yet to run up against any barrier because of my age. I have been readily accepted." Ralph said.

Cindy has also excelled academically, starting college this year with a 4.0 GPA. Cindy divides part of her

time between working with the Hattiesburg Strings Program, being a home room coordinator and PTA board member for Lil' Burney and serving on the Pine Haven Council as

"It doesn't matter how old you are. If you want to get involved in something, do it. I've yet to run up against any barrier because of my age." -Ralph Britian

president. The Britains are both involved with Pine Haven activities and thankful that USM has established family-based housing.

"I am thankful that the school provides family housing," Cindy said. "We couldn't have done it without that. It will enable us to be more successful in our lives and pass it on to our children. Pine Haven is a stepping stone to something better."

The Britains share their responsibilities including their job of distributing papers to their 600 or so customers on their paper routes. This job with the *Hattiesburg American* supplies income to make ends meet and allows flexibility for their schedules. The Britains take turns with the routes depending on who has to study or is in class that day. Plus, in the event their children are not in school or sick they can accompany their parents on the routes.

"I cannot, no way, be a success without my family." Ralph said.



Rebecca Broach

Sharon O'Farrell lovingly strokes the fur of her seeing-eye dog Sasha. Sasha, a German Shepard, accompanies O'Farrell wherever she goes. O'Farrell believes that Sasha is much more than a dog; she thinks of Sasha with the love and tenderness that a mother feels for her child.

Legally blind, **Sharon O'Farrell** requires the assistance of a seeing-eye dog during her daily travels. O'Farrell was blinded as a result of an accident in which her car was struck by a drunk driver. O'Farrell has overcome the effects of the accident to become a fully-functional member of society.



Rebecca Broach



Better to Laugh

by Rebecca Broach

A tragedy reinforces lessons in life.

She thought she was dead. Sharon O'Farrell, a former U.S. Army nurse and current pre-med student, could hear talk around her about brains spilling out of her head as a rescuer radioed for the jaws of life. "Take your time," O'Farrell heard him say, "She's dead."

O'Farrell rode her motorcycle to Pensacola, Fla. to visit a friend during Spring Break in March 1987. They piled into his Ford Escort to find a place to play darts. As they crossed a four-lane Gulf Coast bridge, they saw the headlights of a drunk driver on the wrong side of the bridge. The car barreled into them, sparing everyone from serious injury but O'Farrell.

She woke from a coma five months later at the VA hospital in Biloxi, Miss. She was reminded of the accident in Florida and was told of her brain damage that would forever impair her sight, speech and mobility.

"I was told I would never leave the hospital... and most certainly would never go to college again," O'Farrell said. "That was the best thing that could have been said to me, because I'm a redhead, I'm Irish, I'm German, and I'm brain damaged."

With her determination and without the support of her family, the one-time ballerina, black belt, and body building champion spent the next year of her life relearning how to read, write, walk and talk.

In May, 47-year-old O'Farrell, who was awarded a bachelor's degree in history, proved skeptics wrong, racking up college degree number four.

To further correct the misunderstandings of brain-injured people held by many, O'Farrell completed a manuscript, typed with one hand over the period of a year, about her experience.

"Please Don't Let Them Turn Me into Green Pasta," the title of her

manuscript, reflects her disorientation while in a brain-damaged-induced coma. She believed she overheard a doctor telling a nurse that brain-damaged patients are to be taken to another part of the hospital and processed into different-colored pasta.

O'Farrell said she wrote the book, filled with amusing anecdotes and plenty of inspiration, for all readers to get "uplifting and morally meaningful messages" on life through the example of her recovery.

A major theme throughout the manuscript is the importance of positive thinking. "It's better to laugh than cry," O'Farrell said. Ironically, O'Farrell lost her ability to cry, caused by the damage to her brain.

Though legally-blind, O'Farrell studied about seven hours each day, using a magnifying glass and ruler to read her textbooks. She walked more than two miles each day to school and back, but she saw only the positive results. She has made straight A's and considered her walk as necessary exercise for herself and her guide dog Sasha.

An entire chapter of her book is dedicated to Sasha, her German Shepherd guide dog and companion, whom she speaks of as a proud mother does her child.

O'Farrell intends to teach at a school in the Mississippi Delta, one of the poorest regions of Mississippi with a great need for teachers. She finished a teaching practicum in the fall and began student teaching in January with Sasha at her side.

"What better person to teach children than someone who has had to come up with ways to relearn everything?" O'Farrell said. "I knew that this was something I could easily share with kids."

"What better person to teach children than someone who has had to come up with ways to relearn everything,"
- Sharon O'Farrell



Ronald Burton examines a poster depicting a futuristic city on another planet. Although Burton may one day be planning out a city just like this, he is content at present to utilize his community planning skills attained while working for the Dominican government to serve USM and the city of Hattiesburg.

Ronald Burton pauses outside of the USM Arts Building to admire the scenery. Burton plans to work with USM President Horace Fleming to insure that the USM campus retains its beauty and to help the university become more involved with the betterment of the community of Hattiesburg.





Giving Something Back

by Leslie Walker

Building towards a better tomorrow.

Home for Ronald Burton is only a short plane ride away--for now. Over the next few years he plans to go wherever local governments need help planning communities and developing the resources to the needs of the residents.

Burton was born and raised in Trafalgar, Dominica. This suburban tropical paradise sparked a fire of discontent in the young man when he was assigned to the planning division of the government.

"The natural resources of the island weren't benefiting the people who needed them the most. I wanted the official policy to change so that it focused more on the human aspect instead of the infrastructure," said Burton.

Even though he began on his small island, he always had his heart set on improving local communities throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Burton worked for over fifteen years on a variety of projects around the island while earning his certificate in community and regional planning from the University of the West Indies. Burton worked closely with Prime Minister Clemson to improve communication between residents and government.

Later, he earned his degree in social development at St. Francis Xavier in Nova Scotia, Canada. After returning to Dominica, he worked on consignment with institutions such as New York University. NYU was interested in national tourism at a community level. The Carib Indians were used as a model. Burton worked with a staff of several people, including a young scribe and Peace Corps volunteer who was a 1994 graduate of USM--Michael Hauer.

"He told me I think this place

will help you find what you are looking for," said Burton.

Burton was already familiar with America--several relatives live in New York and California--and has quickly made Hattiesburg his second home. A top student, Burton recently returned from Miami, FL where he and Dr. Rhonda Phillips, director of community planning and development, presented a paper to the American Collegiate Schools of Planning entitled, "Sustainable Development in Caribbean Culture."

Burton is participating in an internship with the Community Connections study and the Eastern Caribbean Sustainable Development initiative,

"The university is in a unique position to better the community. I would like to see the school getting involved at the community level" -Ronald Burton

which will provide opportunities for students to live in island countries for a semester.

Before Burton graduates he hopes to see some changes made locally, with USM being at the forefront.

"The university is in a unique position to better the community. I would like to see the school getting more involved at a community level while giving individuals and community organizations a boost," said Burton.

Burton has worked with President Fleming before and thinks that the students are lucky to have such a capable person guiding the university.

"I am confident in his ability, his knowledge and his foresight to help develop the university to its fullest potential," said Burton.

After graduation, Burton plans to earn his master's degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, and his doctorate in social policy analysis and research from Florida International University.



Leigh Salmon has utilized her academic abilities to make the most of her college career. Salmon has managed to maintain a 4.0 GPA while remaining active in a myriad of student organizations and has even found the time to participate in the Study Abroad program, attending college in Alcala, Spain.

Leigh Salmon peruses the contents of the latest issue of the *Free Foundation Press*. An advocate of free speech, Leigh founded the *Free Foundation Press* with three friends in 1995 to give students a forum for free thought.



Freedom of Thought

by Leslie Walker

Using academic talent to open minds.

To be honest, I really don't have to study," 22-year old Leigh Ann Salmon said about her 4.0 grade point average.

In August, Salmon will receive a bachelor's degree with a dual major in Spanish and English. Though she admits having to work harder at her Spanish classes, her excellence in academics has come naturally to this Alabama native.

With her ease in school work, Salmon has been able to remain active in numerous student activities including Students for Progress, Student Greens, the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Organization, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Golden Key, and Gamma Beta Phi.

In addition, Salmon had the opportunity to spend the spring 1997 semester at the University of Alcalá in Spain arranged through USM's Office of International Programs.

Her eyes gleam even brighter as she speaks of her experiences in Spain. "It was cool," Salmon said. "Even though I was dropped off in the middle of nowhere in a country very different from the United States, by the end of the program I was kicking and screaming as I was dragged onto the plane."

Another important part of Salmon's college career is her involvement in Students for Progress, described by her as a liberal organization formed to invite a forum for discussion of various topics. In the fall of 1995, Salmon, along with Thais Perkins, Beth Bradley and Amy Poters, founded the student organization. She is currently president of the group and coeditor of the group's newsletter, the *Free Foundation Press*.

To pay the \$200 per issue cost of printing the paper, members of Students for Progress hold fund rais-

ers such as a concert featuring five bands for five bucks.

"Our motto is free press and the paper is truly a community paper," Salmon said. Volume II, Issue 2 of the paper includes discussion about opposition to a possible campus perimeter fence, a news article about the testing of two atomic bombs near Hattiesburg in the mid-60s, an article about opposition to gun control legislation, and a scolding to students who steal from the library, plus much more.

In the same edition, Salmon wrote about political prisoners in the United States. This is also the topic

of her senior thesis through the Honors College.

"Historically, America has been one of the most blatant violators of human

rights," Salmon said. "This is of particular importance not just for our own personal freedoms, but also because the judicial system in the United States has traditionally been held as one of the most progressive in the world," she continued.

After her summer graduation and a possible internship, Salmon plans to attend law school specializing in civil rights at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Salmon is also involved with the Student Greens, an organization that concerns itself with environmental issues, particularly at USM's campus. The latest concern of the group was the renovation of the Union.

"We found that those involved with the Union renovation really listened to our concerns," Salmon said.

She continued with advice to all students and what appears to be guiding principle for herself: "If more students were more active in voicing their opinions, things could really get done."

"If more students were more active in voicing their opinions, things could really get done." -Leigh Salmon





Elsie Hopkins helps an at-risk young man to practice his reading skills. Elsie spends many hours of her free time tutoring and performing countless other acts of service to the community.

Elsie Hopkins, founder of the service organization V.I.S.I.O.N., smiles with pride as she thinks of all the people that have been helped through her community service projects. Although busy in the Accounting program at USM, Elsie has found the time to dedicate much of her life to serving the community.





Success from Service

by Rebecca Broach

There are no boundaries when helping others.

Elsie Hopkins is not the typical accounting major. Though the books must be balanced and in the black, this 22-year-old native of West Point has made more out of her life than balancing ledgers and analyzing spreadsheets.

You could say she is profit-driven, but not exactly for money. Her profit in life has been earned through the self-satisfaction of helping those in need. She is rich from knowing she has made a difference in the lives of many people.

Hopkins used her business savvy to co-found V.I.S.I.O.N., Volunteers Impacting Society through Individual

Outreach Now, in the spring of 1996. V.I.S.I.O.N. is a student-directed group which places students with a desire to perform volunteer work in projects throughout the community in and around Hattiesburg.

During the spring, V.I.S.I.O.N. focused on about 10 projects in various areas such as work with elderly, health care, tutoring, mentoring at-risk kids, and projects with the homeless.

Though some have a stereotypical notion that it is awkward and incompatible for her to be in the accounting profession and love volunteering, Hopkins said she does not feel awkward. "Eventually I'd like to become an auditor, but I will always continue community service."

Through her volunteer work, Hopkins found a special place in her heart for children, especially in tutoring and mentoring at-risk children.

"I love math and thought it could help make a difference in the life

of a child who may have trouble passing math," Hopkins said. "But it's more than just teaching algebra, I also enjoy getting to know the kids personally," she continued.

"After I did volunteer work once, I realized how much people really appreciated it," Hopkins said. "I just got a good feeling out of it."

Hopkins said volunteer work is addictive to her.

"Once I started, I had the urge to keep on," Hopkins continued.

Hopkins also has given up her

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-Elsie Hopkins

last three Spring Breaks to work with Habitat for Humanity building houses in Jackson and Starkville, along with V.I.S.I.O.N. and other

volunteers from around the state.

In February, Hopkins was the project leader for a teacher's aide program at Woodley Elementary School.

Hopkins said the project was designed to relieve schools that just can't afford to provide teacher's aides to help already overburdened teachers in crowded classrooms.

Not only has Hopkins remained active in volunteer work and school activities, she has also worked part-time throughout her four years of college. Hopkins said she believes her work at Burger King, Bank of Mississippi and Accounting Associates throughout college has given her an advantage over the average student.

"It has prepared me and provided me with more experiences," said Hopkins.

After her May graduation, Hopkins intends to go to graduate school to pursue a Master's degree in accounting.

The Pride of Mississippi

by Kristyn Edmonds and Steven Moser

Nothing can motivate a troubled team to victory like the roar of an impassioned crowd and nothing can stir the emotions of the people like a spirited musical performance.

Marching to the beat of the drum--35 drums in fact--this is life for the more than 330 student musicians, dancers and guard members that make up the nationally recognized and internationally known Pride of Mississippi Marching Band and Dixie Darlings.

Bands have been part of the USM campus life since 1926, when the first "all girl" dance band was formed. The marching band as it is known today was established in 1952 and has enjoyed tremendous success over the years. The 1997-1998 band members came from 26 states and five foreign countries and are arguably some of the finest collegiate musicians in the nation. Every semester, several of these talented students receive Band Service Awards. These awards range from a few hundred to approximately \$2000 for each semester. The Band Service Award is based on the talent of the recipient.

Drum majors Todd Ditchendorf, Brian Nelson and Tyrone Harris are representative of the high-caliber student USM attracts. From a pool of more than 35 candidates, these drum majors have earned the reputation as national standard bearers for their contribution to the band program.

Steven Moser, director of the Pride, is very satisfied with the band's stellar performance this year.

"The high number of new members is great, but quality is the key to success. The Pride has never been stronger, nor have the band members been more dedicated to representing the university with high performance standards."

This year the Pride returned to Ireland for the St. Patrick's Day

parade. Early in 1994, the Right Honorable, Lord Mayor Alderman Gay Mitchell, T.D. extended an invitation to the University of Southern Mississippi band to perform for state and national dignitaries at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, Ireland.

The USM band, one of the few American college bands selected to tour Ireland during the week long St. Patrick's celebration, returned again in March of 1998.

Irish music, people and history are the primary attraction for these band students. The opportunity to make a second trip to the Emerald Isle was embraced with enthusiasm and excitement by both the faculty and students.

A highlight of this college band program was the opportunity to perform with the Red Army band of the Russian military. Featuring nationalistic music and dance from the United States and Russia, and set in the Irish capital of Dublin, the concert was part of the week long celebration of band music and festivities that included the Dublin International Concert Band Festival and culminated in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

The Liberty Bowl was another highlight for band members this year. Drum major Ditchendorf, a junior journalism major said, as he performed before a record USM bowl game audience, "I was so excited about being in Memphis for the Liberty Bowl. I got to spend New Year's with all my great friends. Friendship goes a long way in the Pride."

"You can tell by the way they perform that they love what they do and they love this university. This has been an exceptional year," said Moser.

The Pride played an integral role in the success and enjoyment of USM athletics.





Michael Russell

Feature Twirler **Joy Hamilton**, a senior majoring in Health Administration, wows the crowd with her baton twirling skills at this year's Homecoming game. The twirlers are always a crowd pleaser, mixing their exciting routines with the powerful beats from the band.



Michael Russell



Michael Russell

The Pride Drum Corp stands at the ready to begin their performance at the Homecoming game. The Drum Corp acts as the backbone of the band, providing a steady beat for the other band members to follow and stirring up the crowd with powerful rhythms.

Michael Delaune, a junior majoring in music, plays his trumpet with great enthusiasm at this year's Homecoming game. Judging by the kiss on his cheek, somebody in the audience really enjoyed his musical efforts.

HOMECOMING WEEK

by Christina Gates

Student, community, and alumni support overwhelmed the campus during the events for the 1997 Homecoming Week.

With the Liberty Bowl in sight, the Golden Eagles rode the Tulane 'Green Wave' to victory. The festivities of Homecoming Week only added to the excitement.

As the campus divided into spirit teams, the competition began with Black and Gold Day. A canned food drive collected 2,074 cans of food to be donated to four local charities. Spirit signs decorated the campus and a field day competition was held. When the week was over, Team E -- Kappa Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Student Alumni Association, Phi Kappa Phi and Roberts Hall -- won.

A great deal of effort was put into this year's floats, and the workers did not let the rain bother them. Division winners of the float competition were sorority - Pi Beta Phi; fraternity - Sigma Chi; and organizational - Phi Sigma Pi with a 3-D toilet to flush the 'Wave.' The overall winner was Sigma Chi.

With a special event planned, the pep rally for the homecoming game was moved to the Administration building. Through student and community donations, the Student Government Association sponsored a project to 'Light the Dome.' The new lighting system officially spotlighted the dome for the first time with alumni and students looking on.

"This is the perfect time because student, alumni, parents and supporters were gathered...with the spirit at an ultimate high," said Brooks Moore, SGA president.

Another part of pep rally was to present the homecoming court.

This year's homecoming queen was

Charolette Burney, a senior sports medicine/exercise science major and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

"I am very proud and feel blessed," Burney said. This was her first experience running for a homecoming position.

Members of her court included Laura McInnis, student body maid; Kara Fleming, graduate maid; Angela Barnes, senior maid; Courtney Zito, junior maid; Nicole Walker, sophomore maid; and Sarah Bonner, freshman maid.

Joining in the Eagle Walk, the court helped lead the team to the field. Dr. Fleming also participated in the parade, riding in a 1930 Model A Ford replica.

With students and alumni filling the stadium, the time came for the game to begin.

Before long, Tulane didn't know what hit them. With Harold Shaw rushing for 96 yards, and Sherrod Gideon receiving for 141 yards, Tulane quickly learned USM meant to win. The final score was 34-13.

During halftime, the band played accompanied by its alumni, the court was presented to the crowd and the 1997 Hall of Fame inductees were introduced. Selected because of their contributions to the community and USM, former graduates Dee Thornton Abbott, Wright W. Cross, Aubrey Collum, Rosalyn Folks, Robert D. Ingram, Lloyd E. Rhian Jr. and F. Kent Stribling were inducted Friday night before the game.

Homecoming week was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Tom Shoemaker, who died in an automobile accident at the beginning of the fall semester.



The 1997 Homecoming Court and Escorts: **Billy Leach, Angela Barnes, Greg Doss, Kara Fleming, Tony Maiorana, Laura McInnis, Brooks Moore, Charolette Burney, Kevin Spira, Courtney Zito, Robert Sanders, Nicole Walker, Verdell Hawkins, Sarah Bonner.**

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The 1997 Homecoming Queen was **Charolette Burney**, a senior sports medicine/exercise science major from Biloxi, Mississippi. She and her escort **Brooks Moore**, SGA President, were granted this honor during the halftime ceremonies of Homecoming 1997.



Monty Lowe

Among the events planned for Homecoming Week, the traditional float contest was again in full swing. Students worked endlessly into the night stuffing paper through chicken wire in an expression of both their artistic abilities and pride in our university.

MISS SOUTHERN

by Rebecca Timmins

A display of beauty, talent and charisma between nine lovely ladies led to an eventful evening and the crowning of a new Miss Southern.

Nine extraordinary young women delighted and titillated audience members with their intelligence, talent and beauty during the 1998 Miss Southern Pageant, held at the Mannoni Performing Arts Center.

The Miss Southern Pageant, a USM tradition since 1947, began as an annual bathing beauty contest to highlight Mississippi Southern College's Sports Day. It has been sponsored by SGA since 1961. At this time it also became an official preliminary to the Miss America Pageant.

Placing in the pageant is an exciting event, but USM rewards these young ladies for the time and money they invest. Miss Southern is awarded a \$1000 scholarship, the first alternate-- \$500, second alternate--\$400, winners in individual categories receive \$200 and the woman chosen as the Spirit of Miss Southern receives a \$75 scholarship.

Under the guidance of Miss Southern Director Jamie Jones, Emily Perritt, Chezra DeLaine and tenth-year advisor Mrs. Vrita Delaine work together every year to make the pageant a success. Audience members were entertained by the musical stylings of a young group from Laurel who delighted the audience with their unique renditions of "Brown Eyed Girl" and "Ain't no Woman Like the One I Got." Mistress and master of ceremonies were 1995 Miss Southern Charlotte West-Nanney and WDAM-TV broadcaster Mitch Williams.

The evening began with an introduction of the contestants and then the judges. The judges for this year's pageant were Stacey Donaldson, Terry Fleming, Sandi Flynt, Dr. Mark Kidd and Don McCarver.

The contestants then competed in the areas of interview, physical fitness, talent and an evening gown competition. The scores stayed close and no one person was ahead, but by the end of the evening a winner had been chosen.

Keely Williams, of Greenwood, MS, was crowned Miss Southern 1998. This 19-year-old music performance major has beauty pageant experience, but was surprised by her win.

"The feeling of being Miss Southern is truly indescribable. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to represent my school in this way. I pray that I will serve USM sufficiently as a role model. Miss Southern is more than just a title; it is an honor in every way and a position of leadership that I will fulfill to the best of my ability."

First alternate was Ashley Mercer of Clinton, MS, second alternate Joy Hamilton of Jackson, MS, third alternate was Stephanie Temple of Mendenhall, MS, and fourth alternate was Shameka Gooden of Jackson, MS. Ashley Mercer was also chosen as the Spirit of Miss Southern.

Each contestant had a platform that was used as the basis for the interview portion. Miss Williams' was the National Hospice program. Hospice is an organization devoted to the palliative care of terminally ill patients. The goal of this organization is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support and care for the patients as well as the families.

Miss Williams will now move on to the Miss Mississippi pageant and possibly, to the Miss America pageant. The time between now and then will be filled with practicing her first love--opera.

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Joel Ducote

Keely Williams was crowned Miss Southern 1998, which came as a surprise to the young freshman. Her talents and charisma carried her to the crown, where she will now move on to compete in the Miss Mississippi Pageant.

The road to the title of Miss Southern is not an easy one to travel. Contestants had to display a number of talents, including physical fitness, talent and a series of interviews. Sophomore **Stephanie Temple** shows off her vocal talent as she serenades the crowd at Mannoni PAC.



Joel Ducote



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Returning Miss Southern 1997 **Melinda King** was present on this magical evening, where she passed the torch on to Keely Williams, Miss Southern 1998.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

by Leslie Walker
and Corey Proctor

From Judaism to Islam to Hinduism to Christianity, students find different paths to salvation in religious organizations on campus.

As a nation we are growing stronger, as a state we are growing richer and as individuals we are growing more aware. Aware of what? Of our responsibilities, our problems and our uncertainties.

Many students are balancing this awareness along with jobs, classes and family with the help of USM's diverse and numerous religious organizations.

It all began in 1956 with the building of the nondenominational Danforth Chapel. Later specific religions provided places for their members to worship and socialize away from home.

There are fourteen established and active religious organizations on campus. The Catholic Student Organization provides orthodox worship. Protestant denominations are represented by the Wesley Student Center, the Baptist Student Union, the Lutheran Fellowship, Reformed University Fellowship, Campus Crusade for Christ, Canterbury Fellowship, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship and a Presbyterian Fellowship. USM is also home to chapters of the Jewish Student Union, the Muslim Student Foundation and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

These religious organizations offer many things such as leadership, direction and fellowship between students, faculty and administrators. The most important goal, however, is developing a "whole person." Sister Annette Seymour, who works with the Catholic Student Association, has helped define a common goal for church officials who work with students.

"We believe that a whole person is a holy person. I tell students to come to St. Thomas and pray when they need strength, play when they need to unwind and be nourished in word and sacrament."

All of the organizations have weekly meetings. Some of the most prominent are the Wesley Student Center's Tuesday noon forums, BSU's Thursday 12:01 lunch, the Lutheran Fellowship's Thursday night communion, Campus Crusade for Christ's Tuesday night "Prime Time" and the Friday night services of the Jewish Student Union.

The majority of the students who are in these organizations have been in the church their entire lives, but newcomers are a regular occurrence. Jeremy Jones, campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship is pleased, but not surprised at the number of people who are curious about what Reformed Fellowship means.

"Over half of the students are from denominations other than Presbyterian. Many are surprised by the emphasis put on community service and social development rather than religion."

Alisha Sullivan, a junior from Ocean Springs, considered herself "allergic" to Christians before coming to Hattiesburg, but is starting to see them in a slightly different light.

"Faith, in and of itself, is irrational, but each of us exercise it everyday. Putting money in a Coke machine and expecting a Coke, as well as expecting Coke to be in the can is acting on faith. If what you taste is absolutely marvelous and after drinking it you should decide to share it with someone for the simple reason that it might improve the value of their lives, well I think that is outstanding."

Though most of the organizations have group worship or Bible classes, the majority of a member's time is filled with outreach programs, community beautification projects, missions and Spring Break alternatives. There are also Christmas banquets, dances and retreats.

Religious
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Michael Russell

In Danforth Chapel, student activities secretary **Melissa Carpenter** expresses her spiritual side by singing a hymn. Danforth Chapel caters to USM's Christians' needs by offering a variety of services in different denominations.

Titled "Faith," this stained glass window in Danforth Chapel depicts a rising sun, symbolizing hope and the promise of something better. This is one of seven stained glass windows to be found in Danforth, made possible by charitable donations from local philanthropists.



Michael Russell



Jennifer Perry

There is never a dull moment at the Baptist Student Union. A Tuesday night 6:01 program with a special guest speaker provides a night of singing, entertainment and spirituality for BSU members.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

by Deanna Johnson
and John Burks

From comedians to speakers to sneak previews of hit movies, the University Activities Council fulfills its commitment to provide a recreational outlet for students.

You might not know what UAC does, but if you've been to an event on campus, most likely it was sponsored or co-sponsored by UAC.

UAC is composed of over sixty students, who all go through a two-step selection process. Members participate in a group interview and then a personal interview. This is important because members have the enormous responsibility of planning, promoting and producing crowd pleasing events and activities for USM's community. Even with all that pressure, they still must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

This year they've been the "behind the scene" coordinators for everything from Gloria Steinem speaking at the Honors forum to the pre-release screening of I Know What You Did Last Summer, shown on the NET entertainment system in Seymour's. This event drew a student crowd that exceeded the maximum seating in Seymour's.

"This was my favorite event," said Tyres Autrey, a first semester member of UAC. "The student participation was great."

UAC is composed of a variety of personalities. Every member brings a different trait that causes the great diversity in the group. Each member is a small piece that creates the big puzzle. Members learn leadership abilities and also form a willingness to work with others. With different ideas being suggested, they also learn how to be open-minded to other's opinions. Overall, members develop a bond

with people they normally wouldn't meet on campus.

"The best thing about joining UAC is the close-knit group," said freshman Ronica Dhaliwal. "Making 60 new friends is great."

UAC is divided into six committees: major entertainment, special projects, union, variety, Network Event Theater and advertising. Each of these committees strives to provide entertainment that appeals to students and is either service-oriented, educational or entertaining.

UAC hosted Reggae Fest to give students a different outlet to relieve school stress. Students ate and received caricatures, while a Reggae band played.

Also, the annual Crawfish Fest brought a lot of enjoyment to the USM student population. Students filled the football field. Many ate crawfish and socialized, while others played the various games and met new people.

Several other events produced by UAC were: Las Vegas Night, comedians Taylor Mason and Pablo, the Easter Egg hunt and Jeopardy.

UAC is very receptive to suggestions from outside sources. They are constantly growing and trying to gain more student participation, which leads to student excitement.

"UAC has been a stepping stone for many students to become involved. We hope others will join and experience the excitement," said UAC member Deanna Johnson.

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Hadley Breckenridge

Dating in the 90s is expensive, and all college students know the importance of saving money whenever possible. Speaker **Michael De Rosa** speaks to a group of students on Creative Dating, a program intended to provide students with ideas for cheap and enjoyable dating experiences.

David Kaufmann, a Christian musician, spreads the word of God through music to a crowd of students at Seymour's. Kaufmann's music was entertaining and his message enlightening, combining to provide a memorable and exciting performance for all.



Hadley Breckenridge



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The events hosted by the UAC give students an opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves, but also provide opportunities for students to interact with guests and each other while voicing their opinions. **Gena Fisher** and **Michelle Thiel** use this aspect of UAC to address members of the student body during a recent program.

Miss Laura McInnis



Mr. Brooks Moore



King Photography



Mr. and Miss USM

by Leslie Walker

Two outstanding students are chosen by their peers to represent our university as recognition for their diligent work in improving USM.

Brooks Moore and Laura McInnis are probably, among other things, thinking about the loans they will have to repay once they graduate, but others are considering the gifts these two have given to USM. Strong leadership, community service and incalculable hours of work have been given by these extraordinary students. In November, the USM student body chose these two future educators as representatives of the best that USM has to offer. John Brooks Moore and Laura Michelle McInnis are Mr. and Miss USM 1997.

McInnis, a 21-year-old psychology major and Alabama native, hit the ground running when she arrived at USM. Balancing activities and academics, she made the Dean's list while serving on hall council and leading committees for the UAC. Laura was chosen as Phi Delta Rho's Outstanding Freshman Female and time seemed to fly by as her natural leadership abilities and intelligence consistently put her on the President's list and garnered leadership positions in honor societies, student government and her sorority, Chi Omega.

Combining beauty with brains, Laura has been part of the Homecoming Court twice. Rolf and Sherry McInnis raised a natural motivator who has held leadership positions in Chi Omega, Southern Style, SGA, Greek Council and Lambda Sigma and the All Greek Judicial Board.

Moore, 22, is also a psychology major. This Louisiana native's reputation arrived on campus before he did. Leadership and Academic Excellence scholarships awaited this young man. He was USM's Most Outstanding Freshman Male for 1994 and he also pledged Alpha Tau Omega that year. Honors College, leadership positions and community service work have made Brooks a modern day Renaissance man.

Brooks found his niche in gov-

ernment from day one at USM. Using hard work, speaking skills and natural charisma, Brooks quickly moved from senator to director of research and planning to chief-of-staff to the highest position that SGA has to offer--Brooks was student body president for 1997-1998.

His infectious vision convinced students and the administration of the need for a proposed Student Life Center, the lighting of the administration dome and the creation of the President's Council. Brooks has also done a commendable job of forging and mediating the lines of communication between students and administration. He has learned to love USM so much that he doesn't plan to leave. If all goes as planned, students will have access to Brooks on a daily basis as the vice-president for student affairs here at USM.

"Southern Miss has allowed me the opportunity to network through a supportive community. The friendship, compassion and support this university provides is uniquely special. I have been fortunate to experience this gift. Because of it's shared talents, Southern Miss will always be a special home," said Brooks.

Laura will also continue to lead others after graduation. She plans to be a high school or college guidance counselor. Right now, Greek Life's Outstanding Sorority president is finishing her term as part of Southern Style, USM's official ambassadors to visiting students. SGA will miss their Parliamentarian, as well as Lambda Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta their Senior Advisor. Laura will also be losing something.

"Being active in student organizations at USM has had many positive benefits on my life. I have gained valuable leadership skills through my participation in these organizations that will help me in the future. Also, I have had the privilege of working with many outstanding students within these organizations and these students have become my best friends."

RESIDENCE LIFE

by Contina Quinn

Four walls, friendly faces, and a safe place from the rain are some of the benefits of living in on-campus housing.

The department of Residence Life houses over 3,200 students living on campus. Its mission is to provide convenience and safety, as well as social and academic support to all residents. Also, living on campus is economical.

To get students assimilated into their college living experience, Residence Life has a freshman "quad" where first-year students live and are offered student programs.

These programs are either cultural, social or educational and may be initiated by the student as well as staff members. Also, students have an opportunity to become involved in their hall by joining the Residence Hall Association or becoming a Resident Assistant.

Each floor of the residence halls has a Resident Assistant. These individuals serve as a contact person for each resident, work to form a community atmosphere on their respective floors and are also responsible for programming.

Other Residence Life staff members include the area coordinator, hall director, assistant hall director and desk assistants. Each member serves as a support to make residents' living experience both a comfortable and enjoyable one.

However, residents will not be seeing assistant hall directors anymore.

"It was a great idea and everyone involved did a great job, but because of the budget we are going to discontinue the program," said Lorinda Krhut, director of Residence Life.

"A positive on-campus experience produces lifelong friendships and a stronger commitment to the institution," said Kim Moistner-Bartlett, assistant director of Residence Life.

Moistner-Bartlett, along with

other student affairs departments are working on a plan to create a Freshman Experience program. This program is designed to increase student success and retention, therefore causing more students to want to live on campus.

The Freshman Experience includes programs that focus on issues that particularly affect freshmen--study skills, making the transition from high school to college and diversity education. Some activities are sponsored with the help of the Freshman Associates, a division of the Student Government Association.

Programs for older students include resume writing, budget making, and financial advice.

There is a great demand for student housing. To accommodate more students, two residence halls are in the process of being constructed. These halls will open for students in the spring of 2000. The new 275 occupant residence halls will be for upper class male and female students.

At the beginning of the spring semester, architects came to get student input on facilities they would like to see in the new residence halls. Suggestions included private baths, a large multipurpose room, centralized laundry, bike storage and wiring for computer hookups. Renovations were also suggested for the present residence halls.

"We are really excited about the new building. It will give us the opportunity to provide students with state-of-the-art facilities," said Krhut.

"The greatest challenge for the new halls will be that everyone will want to live in them. However, plans for renovating other halls have been discussed," said Frank Bartlett, director of Maintenance and Custodial Services.

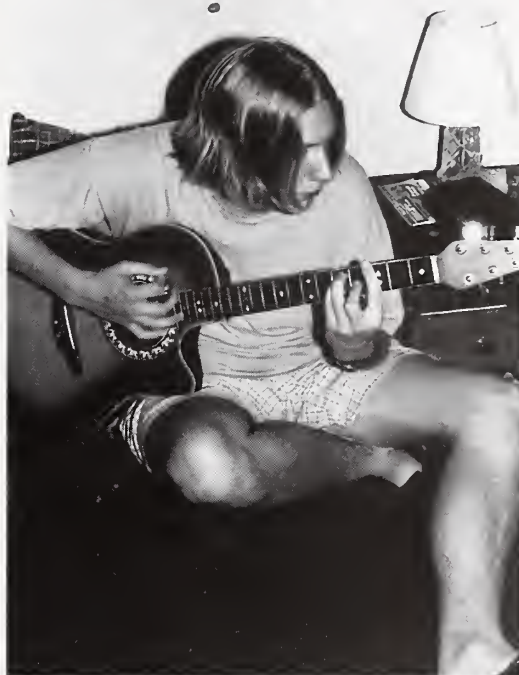
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Dave Johnson

The ritual is familiar to all students returning to life in the dorms: sign in, write your name and social security number, get the key and access card and inspect the room for any damages. The process is handled in a quick, efficient and friendly manner by the Residence Assistants in each dormitory.

Bobby Siggins, an RA in Elam Arms, plays a few chords on his guitar. Bobby and other residents of Elam Arms performed an impromptu concert for the residents of Elam in the program "Live '97."



Dove Johnson



Dove Johnson

Life in the dorms provides a distinct advantage over living in an off-campus apartment: close friends are literally only a door away and can be there for any reason at any time. Students above take a break from their studies to catch the score on the Final Four.

SGA ELECTIONS

by Leslie Walker

In a true expression of democracy, the student body chose a new crop of leaders for the upcoming 1998-1999 academic year.

The Student Government Association represents all that should be expected of a university--men and women deciding what is not only to be educated, but to be educated using the highest standards as a measure.

College is more than classes. College is having safe places to park, a harassment-free environment and basically getting the most value for the product you pay for--your education.

In February, the students lined up to vote on a new executive council that could make their needs known to the faculty and administration.

Students voted on a new president, vice president, election commissioner, treasurer, attorney general and senators for each college.

Robert Sanders, a junior history major, was elected as SGA president for 1998-1999. Sanders, a Jackson native, plans to be a career educator. After graduation he hopes to teach in the public school system and later become a superintendent. Eventually, he may become the principal of a public school and retire as a university president.

Sanders will be working

closely with the other members of the executive board. Vice president Miranda Pampley, election commissioner Elijah Barnes and attorney general LaTonya Robinson will work with Sanders on coordinating the needs of students with every aspect of the university.

Junior Miranda Pampley's primary goal is to increase student involvement on campus and student awareness through empowerment.

Sanders will be incorporating this into his goal of changing the lack of awareness and participation that students seem to have regarding SGA events.

"I would like to keep students aware of what is going on, I would like to give students more opportunities to vote and encourage community service," said Sanders.

These goals will be accomplished through the use of the Student Printz, student referendums, open door cabinet meetings and possibly giving academic credit for students who perform community service.

Of course, with all the things that are changing, a few things will stay the same: SGA will continue its excellent record in representing the student body to the administration, faculty, staff and state and local governments.

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After a successful year as student leaders, the 1997-98 SGA officers stand down. The 1997-98 SGA officers were: **Brooks Moore**; President, **Greg Doss**; Election Commissioner, **Billy Leach**; Attorney General, **Tony Maiorana**; Vice President, **Gina Ladner**; Treasurer, **Lauren Ford**; Executive Secretary.



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Charismatic, friendly and, most importantly, a visionary. **Robert Sanders** was chosen by his peers to be the President of the 1998-99 Student Government Association. Robert's plans for the school will undoubtedly yield a better future for the university.

Students entered the Union, filled out their ballots, and walked out wearing a sticker which read "I voted today in the SGA Elections. Did you?" The election process, handled by current members and associates of the SGA allowed students to efficiently exercise their voice in determining their university's future.



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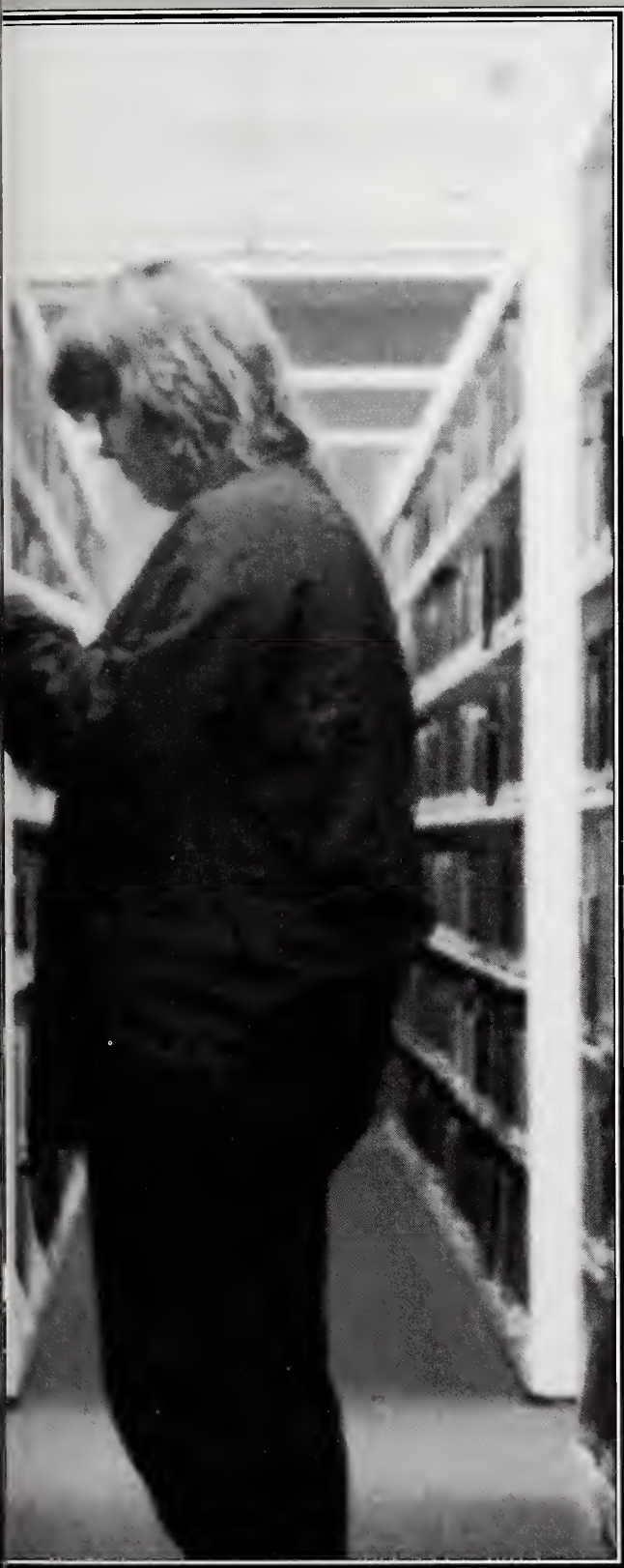


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As the old SGA officers step down, the new SGA officers step up to succeed them in office. Carefully selected by the students for their competence, charisma and leadership abilities, the new SGA officers will yield a bright future for the university. The 1998-99 SGA officers are: **Robert Sanders**: President, **Miranda Pamphley**: Vice President, **LaTonya Robinson**: Attorney General, **Elijah Barnes III**: Elections Commissioner.



Academics



Traditions of **ENLIGHTENMENT**

by Alex Burns

Naturally, the primary focus of a collegiate institution is to provide educational opportunities for those students enrolled in its academic programs.

Eight different colleges offer limitless academic opportunities including business administration, science, liberal arts and a graduate school for those students seeking master's and doctoral degrees.

By combining a qualified faculty and the best facilities possible, the University of Southern Mississippi creates an atmosphere conducive to higher learning.

Photo by Michael Russell

1998

Song, dance, drama, & art

USM's College of the Arts

By Leslie Walker

USM's College of the Arts is unequaled in the state in terms of faculty, facilities and opportunities for students to perform and create.

USM is the only school in the state and one of only seven in the country to be accredited in all four disciplines of the arts—music, dance, theatre and art. International artists and national actors converge on USM every year to teach the over 500 students that train in aspects of performance, industry and education.

The College of the Arts has been with USM since the beginning.

Teachers, whom this college was originally meant to train, were expected to possess the habits of attention and application that music taught and the appreciation of nature that art taught. Drama was necessary in order to arrange high school plays, and dance was considered appropriate physical education for women.

USM still trains its students to learn and share this knowledge with the world, but the world of the arts has changed. Exciting, demanding and selective, the arts combine natural talent with established training methods. Brushes, strings, computers and flesh combine to create well-rounded students who must learn to draw the human form before they do their first plie or appreciate ancient cultures before they reinterpret the old masters.

The College of the Arts has experienced steady growth since the mid-80's and the early 90's created the need for bigger facilities. Early 1998 is the scheduled completion date for an \$11.8 million theatre and dance complex. The Departments of Art and Music will stay in their present locations.

This state-of-the-art facility will contain a 250 seat thrust theatre, a mini-proscenium practice theatre, a black box

theatre, two design labs and a scene shop, dance studios, dressing rooms, a costume studio and classrooms.

"Before this we didn't have one single classroom that was adequate for teaching acting. Students will benefit tremendously from this," said George Crook, chair of the Department of Theatre.

The Southern Arena Theatre, which used to be a WWII barracks, will be torn down, but the 700 seat Performing Arts Center will still be used regularly for the larger mainstage productions.

Dancing at USM will also benefit tremendously. As the only accredited dance program in a five state region, professors were having to take on larger and larger numbers of students in a discipline that demands individual attention.

The Department of Music, while experiencing almost exponential growth, has enough space for now. However, Director Peter Ciurczak doesn't believe this will be the truth for much longer. He explains, "The building of the new facility probably won't have a direct affect on music, but right now we can't graduate enough teachers to fill the positions in Mississippi. Enrollment numbers fluctuate in cycles and with the arts gaining recognition and respect all over the South, most of those students will come here. Over 40% of all music majors in Mississippi attend USM."

The Department of Art has planned proposals which will request space in some of the buildings that will be vacated. Art classes at all levels quickly fill as artists, advertising majors and the community take advantage of the firing kiln and 3-D studio that USM provides. Sixty percent of art majors emphasize graphic design and immediately find jobs within the state.

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Neil Godwin, a senior majoring in the College of the Arts, practices his French horn in one of the many practice rooms in the arts building to keep up his tone and pitch.



David Johnson



Monty Lowe

Pointing out one of the featured prints by Claire Evangelista in one of the spring exhibits in the Woods Art Gallery is Art Chair **Harry Wood**. The gallery shows famous and student works of art throughout the year.

Practicing for their upcoming spring dance concert, **Lawrence Jackson**, sophomore, and **Kristin Pineau**, senior, show the emotional and physical sides of dance through supple movements.

Administering Success

USM's College of Business Administration

By Donnie Boman

Looking into the future of the business world, USM's College of Business Administration sends graduates forward with the knowledge to succeed in the world of today as well as tomorrow.

A distinction for the college is the accreditation of their programs by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This high esteem has been given to only about one-third of the business programs in the United States.

Apparently the college is doing something right in its approach to the teaching in over ten areas of academic business areas including accounting, economics, international business, management, financial information systems, marketing, and banking and finance. A student can get an undergraduate degree from the college in any of these fields of study.

The college supports many activities to make people aware of the world's business affairs. December brought a lecture by Ray Wiltshire, a British entrepreneur, discussing the future ramifications of the instituting of the European Monetary Union in Europe and its effects upon the rest of the world.

In his discussion of the topic, Wiltshire said, "The complexity of the EMU makes it impossible to forecast accurately the overall ef-

fect it will have. And that is making this the most nervous period." This situation is just the tip of the iceberg in the number of topics that the College of Business Administration's programs delve into in their study of the business world.

Another event sponsored by the college in 1997 includes "Forum '97: Competing in the Age of the Networked Society". This

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conference of businesses showed new technologies and how they can be applied to the business world. The conference further shows just how the college must stay ahead of the game in regard to developing technologies in order to be competitive in the years to come.

These events along with the teaching are not out of the ordinary for USM's College of Business Administration. They just go along with the college's mission statement which states, "To fulfill our mission the College seeks a balanced and synergistic agenda of instruction, scholarly activity, and professional service."

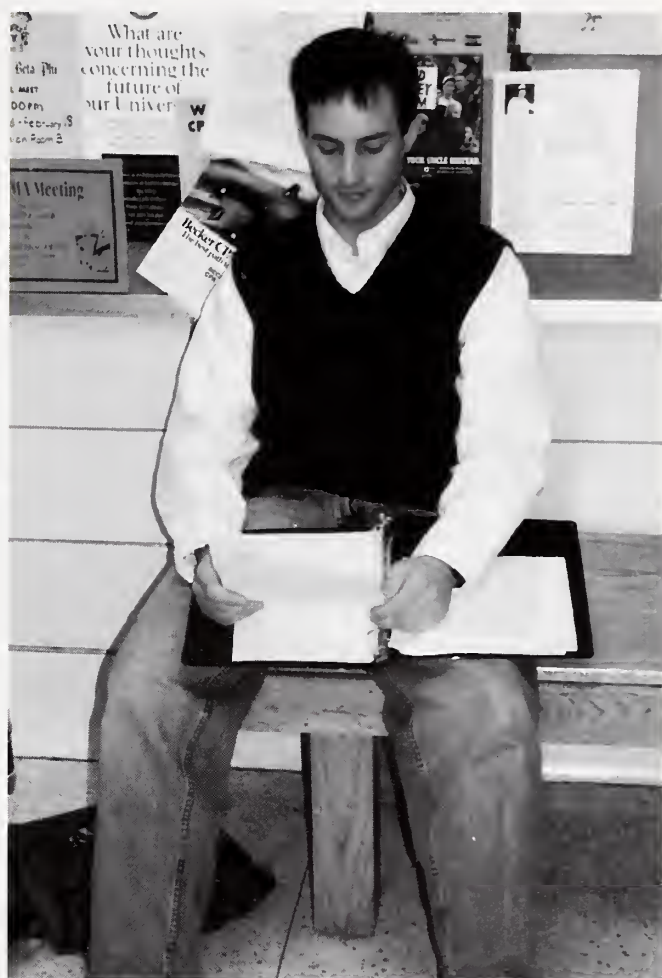
The College of Business Administration must continue to uphold its commitment to learning and looking to the future to keep up with the rest of the fast-paced world of business. The college will continue to succeed if it keeps its mission statement true.



Mackenzie Rogers



Always enthralled in his studies is senior **Brian D'Alfonso**, who is currently studying for his Management 480 class. Brian knows that hard work now pays off in the future.



Mackenzie Rogers



Mackenzie Rogers

Instructing her students in the principles of marketing, **Dr. Dolly Loyd**, professor of marketing and finance, goes over important points of the subject.

Katrina Ford and **Cedrick Hurd**, both juniors in the College of Business Administration, help each other with their next classes, Management Information Systems for Ms. Ford and Accounting for Mr. Hurd.

Looking into the mind

USM's College of Education and Psychology

by Leslie Walker

Psychology seeks to understand the mind. . . education seeks to free it; this will always remain the same, but the world for teachers and psychologists has changed.

Dwindling salary bases and overcrowding of both schools and hospitals has made this a thankless field where a student's sense of compassion and dedication must often come before his/her wallet.

However, thousands of students rise to the challenge every year and begin programs that combine technical competence with ethical training.

The College of Education and Psychology's vision, as stated on their home page, is "the preparation of scientist-practitioners in the field of psychology and practitioner-scientists in the field of education, for now and for the future."

Dr. Steve Yuen, a professor in technology education consistently sees students bypass nearby schools in order to come to USM.

"Our teaching programs graduate more teachers in the state than any other college or university. We also have a program that allows many of our student teachers to do an 8 week internship in England. No other program of this type exists in the state and there are very few in the country."

USM prepares its graduates in three major areas: behavior, the teaching/learning process, and educational technology. The College is further divided into five departments: the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, which prepares students for careers in elementary education; the Department of Educational Leadership and Research, which includes Educational Administration, Educational Research and Adult Education; the Department of Psychology; the Department of Special Education and the Department of Technology Education. Secondary education is handled through the applicable program within other colleges.

The College has distinguished itself by being selected as a testing site for the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. This group is part of a nationwide effort to establish standards for the profession of teaching.

The Department of Psychology has been designated as a flagship program since the late 1970's and a "Center of Excellence" since 1991.

Flagship programs were designated by the state in order for new programs to be developed. Dr. Bruce Holliman, interim dean for the College of Education and Psychology, explains further, "No state can ever have every single program that it

wants to, but new programs have gained recognition and the state has seen the need to evaluate them. USM has served as a measure for what these programs should be and the results that should be achieved."

Centers of Excellence are chosen by the university.

The university looks at a variety of factors—number of students in the program, number of students who make it through the program and the expense of the program—to decide where extra university monies should be allocated. The College has used these monies for renovations to their main building, Owing-McQuagge Hall, as well as the acquisition of new books and subscriptions in the library.

Many graduates end up working outside of Mississippi, but the field is wide open within the state.

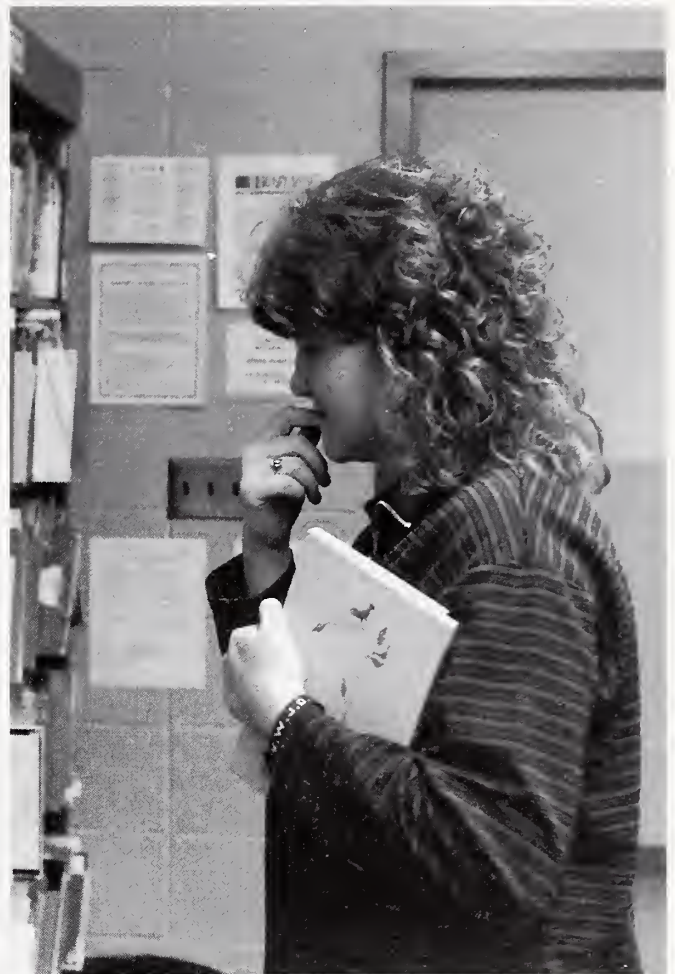
"Many school districts are readjusting their budgets to fit in school psychologists. Also, counselors are always needed. Right now the field is saturated with doctoral level graduates, but many of them are offered jobs at the university or district where there internship was. Our graduates have no trouble finding jobs; Mississippi is just a small state right now in terms of seeing the need for qualified psychologists," Holliman said.

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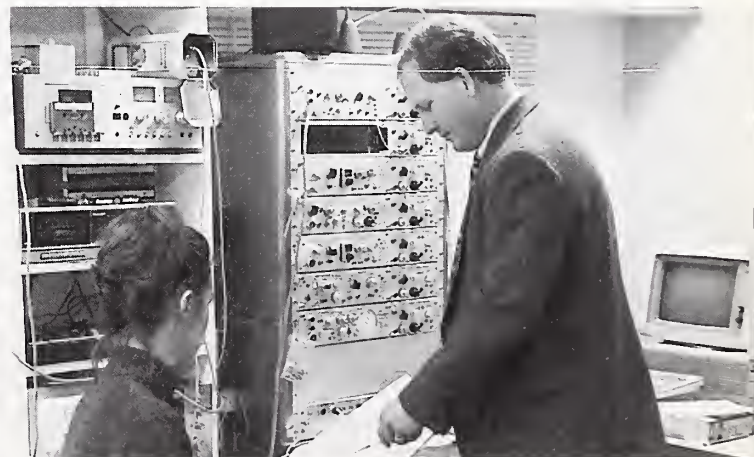
Monty Lowe



Looking for the next book for her latest project in the Owings-McQuagge library is **Stevanie Campbell**, a senior in the College of Education and Psychology.



Dave Johnson



Monty Lowe

Showing **Laura Pawlow**, a graduate student in the College of Education and Psychology, the results for her test in the psychophysiology lab, **Jeff Snell**, another grad student, explains the significance of the study and data.

Setting up an obstacle course for rodents is one activity in the Psychology Lab. Trying to determine the patterns of mice is important in trying to figure out larger animals and their patterns.

Making us feel better

USM's College of Health and Human Sciences

by Leslie Walker

USM's College of Health and Human Sciences uses technology, practical training and research to prepare its graduates for a country that's views of health care are changing on a national and state level.

The college includes the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, the School of Social Work, the School of Human Performance and Recreation, the Center for Community Health and the newly created Department of Hospitality Management. The School of Nursing is now a separate college.

"The College of Health and Human Sciences is unique in bringing together diverse disciplines related in their ability to improve the health and well-being of individuals, families and the community," said Jane Boudreaux, interim dean.

A new computer lab has been built and the Center for Community Health will soon become the first School of Public Health in Mississippi.

The college is the fastest growing on campus. Unfortunately, enrollment has increased much more rapidly than faculty. Therefore, enrollment for some programs will be capped.

Boudreaux believes the

problem lies in the University's ability to recruit. "We not only have to compete with other universities, but we also have to compete with the professional community for qualified individuals."

Dr. Fleming's Commission on the Future sat down with the dean, chairs and faculty and are starting to make plans for the future.

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Everyone agreed that resources are needed for a central building that will allow greater interdisciplinary work among faculty and students, an increase in the number of graduate assistants, and additional funding to support

the operating budgets of each school. Plans are also underway to increase the number of programs offered on the Gulf Coast.

The college wasn't created until 1988, but its size and popularity have made rapid progress and national recognition possible. It consistently receives grants for research—almost 3 million dollars alone for fiscal year 1996—but the Dean is pushing the college to become the definition of excellence.

"The college will be 'the location' on campus known for its interdisciplinary research and service projects."



Dove Johnson



Waiting on their turn to dive for a training dummy, the students of the Lifeguard Training class held in the Natatorium under the instruction of **Michael Giles**, waded in the pool.



Donnie Boman



Presant Desai

Children's physical and mental health are some of the primary concerns in a child development class at the USM Center for Child Development.

Serving cheerfully at the Charcoal Room is **Arian Aguirre**, Senior at USM. The Charcoal Room is run by the College of Health and Human Sciences and is open Monday through Friday for lunch.

Worldly Knowledge

USM's College of International and Continuing Education

by Tara Hall

USM's College of International and Continuing Education includes the extremely popular "Study Abroad" program, the English Language Institute and courses for the community as well interactive education in cooperation with other universities.

The college began an exciting year by adding three new international programs to its already extensive lineup. The new programs include: The European Union program, the African Studies program and the Spain: Language and Culture program. Each of these programs will run three week college credit programs during the summer. These programs will include opportunities to study business in several major cities of Europe, Kenya and Spain.

"USM's credit-abroad programs have been ranked in the top five nationally for each of the past three years," said Dr. Tim Hudson, dean of the College of International and Continuing Education.

USM turned its international eye closer to home with its first Cuban Studies program. Nineteen students got an eye-opening look at a country that many felt was still struggling and dependent on aid.

Dr. Mark Miller, assistant dean of the College of International and Continuing Education, is glad the students got to see Cuba in an unexpected light. "Many students were surprised to see how highly developed the island of Cuba has become. Cuba represents a place that is constantly struggling with image

versus reality."

The students were able to attend formal lecture sessions as well as visit places of personal interest.

The ELI celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The ELI is a special program that allows students from other countries to live and study in America. Thousands of students from over 50 countries have given USM, as well as Hattiesburg, a taste of a world

that is hard to imagine. The students quickly learn American

culture, but every

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spring the International Fair allows these students to share their languages, food and traditions. The Institute was founded during a time when global awareness was considered unnecessary, but it has become an integral part of campus.

"The Institute's mission and purpose has expanded and changed with the times during the last 50 years," said Audrey D. Blackwell, director of the English Language Institute.

Continuing Education has expanded its list of courses to include a new education course. Occupational Training and Learner Performance will be offered by USM at the Hinds Community College Vo-Tech building in Rankin. The course offers three hours of credit for graduate or undergraduate students. The course will cover measuring devices, techniques, statistical treatment of data and generation of evaluation reports produced by teachers.





USM British Studies participants prepare for a medieval tournament during a five week stay in England. The British Studies program at USM is one of the most renowned study abroad programs in the country.



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Australian Studies participants mark the Tropic of Capricorn in Rockhampton, Australia. This "down under" program gave participants credit in sociology, anthropology, or international studies depending upon their choice of study.

USM student **David Redd** spends the spring semester of 1997 at ESCE in Paris. Here he gazes down from the second landing on the Eiffel Tower.

Caring for Respect

USM's College of Nursing

by Tara G. Hall

For years they did not exist. Then, the field was given as a token to intelligent women who wanted to work in the science of medicine. Now men and women compete to be part of this challenging, selective program that combines language, science, psychology and practical instruction.

For years nurses have been getting respect, now their school will too.

The USM School of Nursing ceased to exist in 1997 and was replaced by the College of Nursing. The Institutions of Higher Learning approved this historic request after reviewing the records of the school and its needs in terms of space and money.

"This change reflects the growth in quantity and quality of our nursing students and our nursing programs here at USM," said Dr. Karen Yarbrough, USM vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Gerry Cadenhead, former interim director of the nursing program, became the college's first dean.

"USM was one of two Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs in the state without a dean. Now the nursing program here at USM will be more compatible with other colleges of nursing," said Dr. Cadenhead.

The Board of Trustees designated the School of Nursing a "center of excellence" years ago. Very few programs are at this level.

Changing from a school within a college to a freestanding college will provide USM's programs with greater visibility in regional and national settings. A big advantage to independent status is the ability to be more competitive in

attracting faculty, in competing for outside funding and in attracting students. Also, the college will now be able to offer a doctoral program beginning in the fall of 1999. This is the first time that USM has created a new doctoral program in years.

Approximately 750 men and women enroll in the different nursing programs every year. Qualified nurses are very much in demand throughout the country and all of the programs have been capped.

All of the graduates are finding jobs easily within the state. After passing the NCLEX--and over 90% of USM's graduates do so on the first try--nurses almost literally have their picks of salary and location.

Students were excited by the seemingly simple change and immediately ordered "College of Nursing" patches to replace the ones on their uniforms.

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Monty Lowe



Danielle Strait, a student in USM's College of Nursing, fixes an IV for a patient. The College of Nursing stresses teaching of procedures of different levels of complexity, and can make the hard task of making an IV seem simple.



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Instructing **Kim Walker**, a student in the College of Nursing, on how to make a syringe with no air bubbles is instructor **Vicky Walley**, R.N. If air is in the needle, it can go into the patient's bloodstream, and that could lead to death.

Preparing a culture sample is Medical Technician **Glenda Broadway**. Diagnosing diseases can be accomplished by the simple task of growing the bacteria on the slide and then analyzing the colonies of bacteria that develop.

Broadening our Minds

USM's College of Liberal Arts

by Misty Knight and Leslie Walker

Socrates, the ancient Greek philosopher, once stated that, "The unexamined life is not worth living." Graduates of the College of Liberal Arts have examined life in all of its detail—from the life inside a cell, to the history, music and art of the world, to communicating orally and through the written word.

"The traditional theories which historically composed education provide students in this college with an especially well-rounded type of education," said Dr.

Gene Wiggins, chair of the School of Communication.

At first glance, some of the subjects do not seem to have a lot in common, but they share a common bond based, in part, on four principles outlined by Dr. David Holley, associate professor of philosophy.

Self-discovery, broadening of perspective, understanding of others, and responsible commitment underlie the educational philosophy of the College of Liberal Arts explained Dr. Holley.

Changes are rippling through the college as USM's reputation for quality, affordable education has grown. New programs and buildings are bringing students in record numbers. A little known, but highly successful program is economic development, a major within the department of Geography and Area Development.

"USM is the only university in America to offer separate courses and a degree in economic development. The university has several research

and service projects that will enhance academic programs. In particular, we are hoping to have more internet classes and offer a one-year executive degree for professionals already working in the field," said Dr. Ron Swager, director of the economic development master's program.

Research is ongoing in the field as faculty and students create definitive works so history will not be forgotten, study future opportunities

to improve Mississippi's economy, create novels and

explore new worlds both in a physical and vicarious sense.

"I believe the requirements for a major in the liberal arts balance your education and prepare you for life," said senior

English major Jacqueline Anderson.

The size of the college causes administrators to walk a fine line between treating all departments equally while also allowing them to maintain their autonomy. Sometimes students believe their departments are underrepresented.

Jess Oakes, a junior deaf education major, wishes more people knew about the great programs her major offers.

"I sometimes think we get lost in the shuffle. I understand why the Speech and Hearing Sciences building is relatively far away from the center of campus because of the large numbers of children that we work with, but many students aren't even aware that we are a major or that there are many opportunities for students that aren't in the department."

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As debate is one of the fundamental areas of formal learning, **Richard Edwards**, a junior in the college of Liberal Arts, covers the topics of his presentation thoroughly.



Mackenzie Rogers



Hadley Breckenridge

Kathleen Morgan, English instructor, shows junior **Courtney Collins** how to set up her word processing document on the computer in English 333.

Filming for his class in RTF, **Matt Collette**, a senior in the college of Liberal Arts, tries to get the best angle on the subject.

Tutelage for Tomorrow

USM's College of Science and Technology

by Leslie Walker

Students majoring in any of the eleven departments comprising the College of Science and Technology become so scientifically and mathematically proficient in a variety of fields that double majors are the norm.

Sci-Tech students receive a challenging mix of academic theory and lab practice. Students are required to master lab instruments, the written word, and computers. Also, most departments require a semester of research or an internship.

The vast majority of the professors have earned their terminal degrees and are active researchers and authors. Within the next few years, USM will be at the forefront of national research as it works on over 30 ongoing projects. These include the development of new biodegradable plastics, residential radon monitoring, tumor marker tests for colorectal and prostate cancers, assistive technology for handicapped and disabled persons, analysis of toxic substances in the environment and infinite group theory.

The extensive laboratories and computer facilities allow students access that is comparable to much larger

institutions. Students have the opportunity to master, or are at least exposed to, scanning electron microscopes, mass and nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometers, chromatographs, electrophoresis systems, preparative ultra-centrifuges and x-ray diffractometers.

The college is not only blessed with an exceptional faculty and equipment, but also by location. The nearby Gulf Coast and the conglomerate of geological situations that have or are occurring here give many students natural templates for their research and careers that can be built locally.

USM is behind the college 110%. In addition to partially funding the \$26 million Polymer Science Research Center, Walker Science Building has received nearly \$1 million in renovations. Work has also been done in Johnson Science Tower.

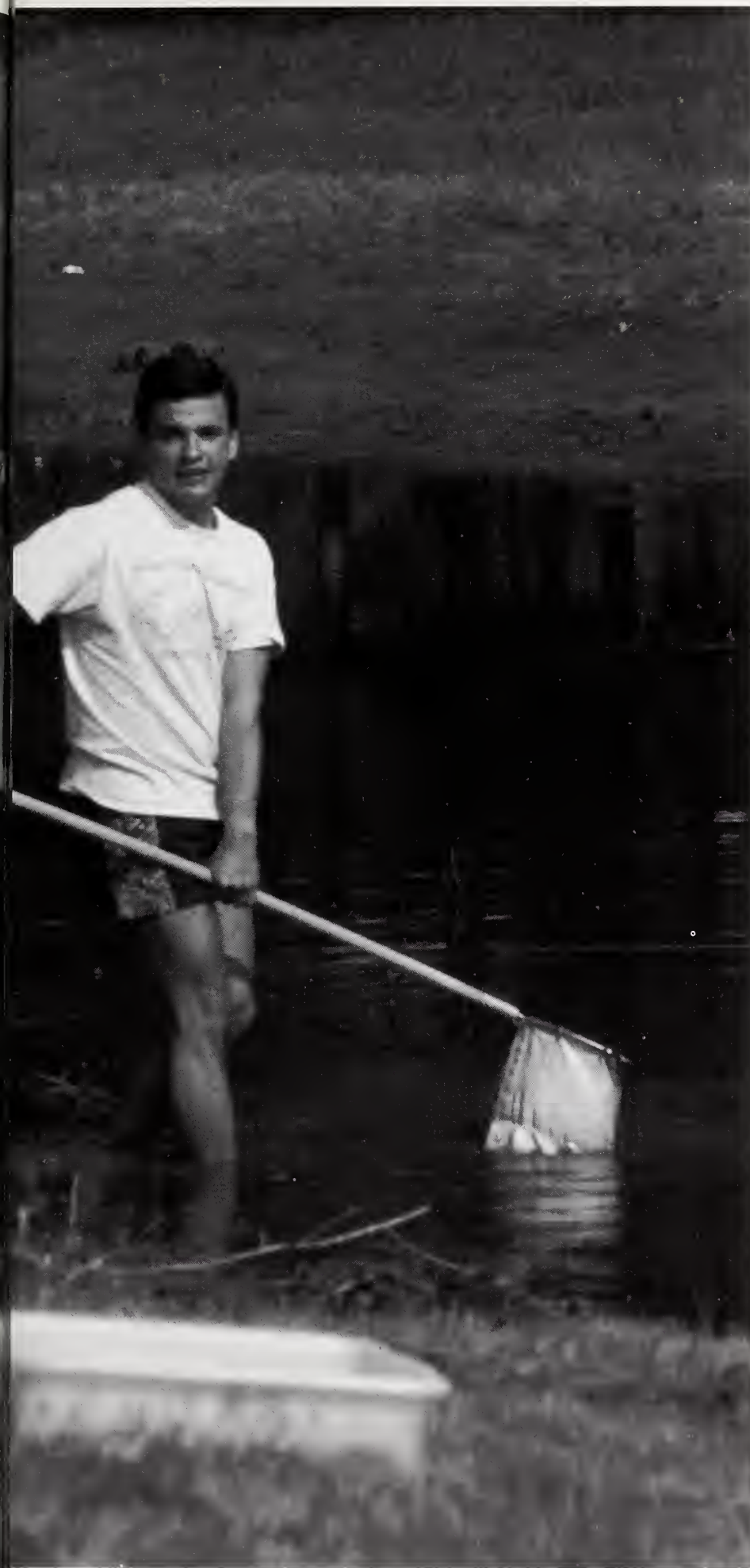
The college is also adding two degree programs in the School of Engineering Technology-- software engineering technology and industrial training.

It seems the country is behind them as well; the college has garnered more than \$62 million in external support over the last several years.

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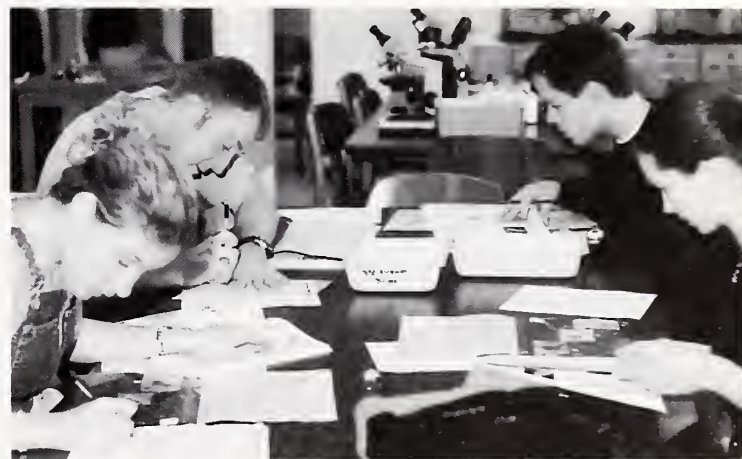
Monty Lowe



Working in the Chemistry 106 lab introduces many students to lab procedure and working with chemicals. The experimental procedure often calls for calculations that cannot be done without involving deep thought.



Presant Desai



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The biology labs at USM often include classifications of certain organisms, including both plants and animals. This lab deals with this aspect of biological science.

Nestor Anzola, a graduate student in the school of Science and Technology from Columbia, "sands" the bottom of Lake Seho. He is doing this and other procedures along with the rest of the General Ecology class taught by **Dr. Beckett**.

Challenging the standard

USM's Honors College

by Christina Gates

One of the oldest in the nation, the Honors College brings the atmosphere of a small private liberal arts college experience to USM.

"We try to combine all the characteristics of being at a large comprehensive university — research facilities, extracurricular activities, diversity of students — with some of the features of a small private liberal arts college — faculty committed to teaching high ability students, study abroad, personal attention," said Dr. Maureen Ryan, dean of the Honors College.

"It brings you speakers, events — everything you need to become an educated well-rounded individual," said Emily Hendrichs, a freshman music major.

"I really like the small class size. It's a great atmosphere for learning because there is a lot of interaction," said Andrea Hall, a freshman chemistry major.

The teacher-student ratio is kept small by admitting under a hundred students each year into the freshman class. Students are mainly from Mississippi and surrounding states, but some travel from Montana, Colorado, even foreign countries.

"There was talk of expanding the Honors College to accept more students, but everyone seems pleased and didn't think we should get larger," said Andrea Hewitt, general coordinator of the Honors College.

After general honors, thoughts turn to thesis projects, seminar classes and graduation for those who continue into senior honors.

The Honors College is "a community of scholars, a place for students who want to go beyond what's required and always keep learning," Hewitt said. "We

make that happen."

There has always been emphasis on forming a community within the Honors College with a fall cookout and spring dance sponsored by the Honor Students Association. A bond is also formed by students living on the honors floors in Elam Arms Residence Hall.

The Honors College is working on various ways to try and help students be more competitive for national scholarships. An honor for the college and the university was the announcement in Dec. 1997 that

Kevin Thigpen, a senior polymer science major, was a finalist for a Rhodes scholarship. Though he did not receive the award, this is the farthest any USM student has gone in competition.

University Forum featured a wide variety of topics this year from Hong Kong to welfare.

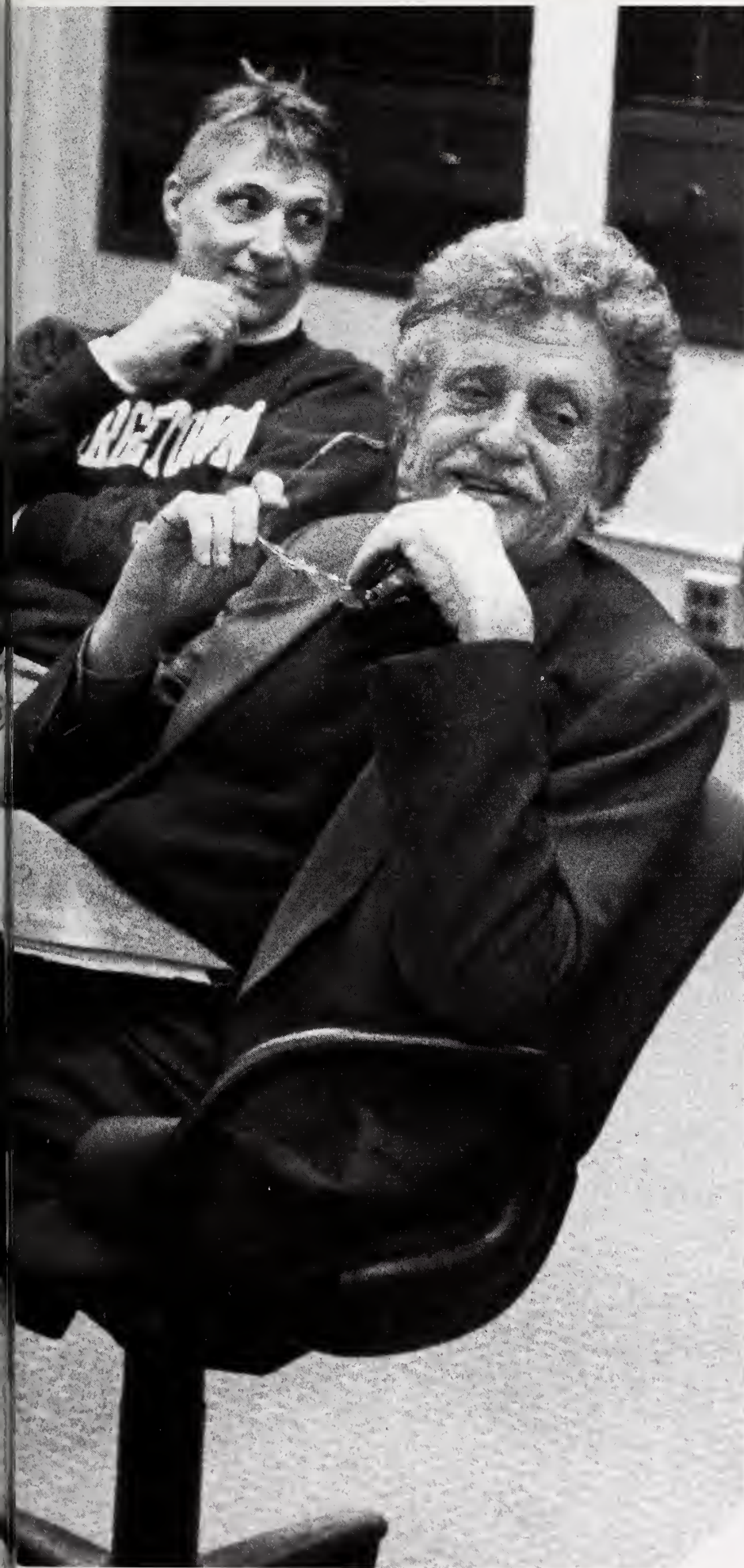
In the fall, Gloria Steinem, one of the principal leaders of the women's rights movement and author of several books, discussed "Women in America Today: A Personal Assessment." Dr. Edward O. Wilson, a leading scientist who many of the Honors biology students had on their reading list, discussed "The Diversity of Life" concerning both the finding of new life forms and the extinction rate of others.

In the spring, Kurt Vonnegut shared his wit and wisdom in his lecture "How to Get a Job Like Mine." Vonnegut is the author of fourteen novels including *Slaughterhouse Five*. Samuel Adler discussed "American's Contribution to the Arts in the Twentieth Century." Adler, a renowned American composer, has over 400 works published, and the lecture concluded with a performance of his work "Acrostics."

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Dave Johnson



Keeping sane by taking some time away from studies, **Bobby Siggins**, a student in the Senior Honors program at USM, plays some tunes on the guitar.



Donnie Boman



submitted by Honors college

Freshman Honors College student, **Cassie Blair**, and **Dean Ryan** talk about the semester at the Fall Honors picnic.

The University Forum is always a part of the Honors College tradition. Honored with getting some of the best speakers, this Spring was no exception with the arrival of **Kurt Vonnegut**, writer of *Slaughterhouse Five* and *Cat's Cradle*.

Furthering education

USM's Graduate School

by Leslie Walker

Some of us hearken to the "good ole' days", but not many of us want to give up the convenience and adeptness that technology has given us.

For graduate students the stars are literally the limit- and after they conquer those they can move on to vaccines, industry, and music. USM's Graduate School provides 50 master's degrees and 20 doctoral programs that allow students to study everything from

aardvarks to Zionism. A big part of graduate school is research. The Bureau of Educational Research, the Institute of Environmental Science, the Mississippi Polymer Institute, and the Physical Fitness Institute are among the groups doing active research. Spectrophotometers, resonance spectrometers, chromatographs, and ultracentrifuges allow students to study the worlds of microbes and Cro-Magnons with equal ease. The Graduate School is also well-equipped with microcomputers, minicomputers and supercomputers.

"Many people have the mistaken impression that research and teaching have to be divorced from each other, said Dr. Anselm Griffin, dean of the Graduate School. "On the contrary, most of our faculty have two full-time jobs--education and research."

The Graduate School has experienced steady growth over the last couple of years and now graduate students are 19% of the university population.

"Enrollment in graduate school and the state of the economy are coupled. Now that the economy and job market are doing so well, people have the advantage of furthering their education and knowing

that all the jobs will not be gone," said Griffin.

Learning in the department has changed as the students have changed. USM is part of a consortium with several other colleges to provide distance learning for students. The classes are beamed through a satellite. The eventual hope is that soon some students may be able to complete some classes without ever actually setting foot on campus.

Other programs have been modified to provide training for nontraditional students. The professional MBA in economic

development is designed specifically for professionals who want to advance their education while keeping their jobs. The university will also be adding a doctorate in nursing and a doctorate in marine science.

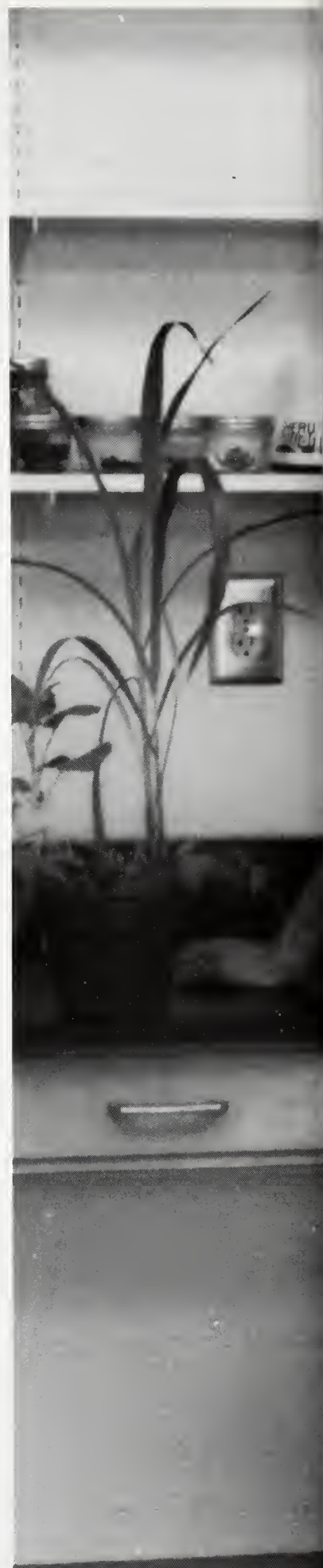
The Graduate School publishes seven scholarly journals and has established several special collections; including, historical manuscripts, the De Grummond Children's Collection, the Walen Civil War manuscripts, and the Cleanth Brooks collection of Southern and English literature.

The concerns of graduates and undergraduates are different and some of the graduate students believe that their needs are not being addressed.

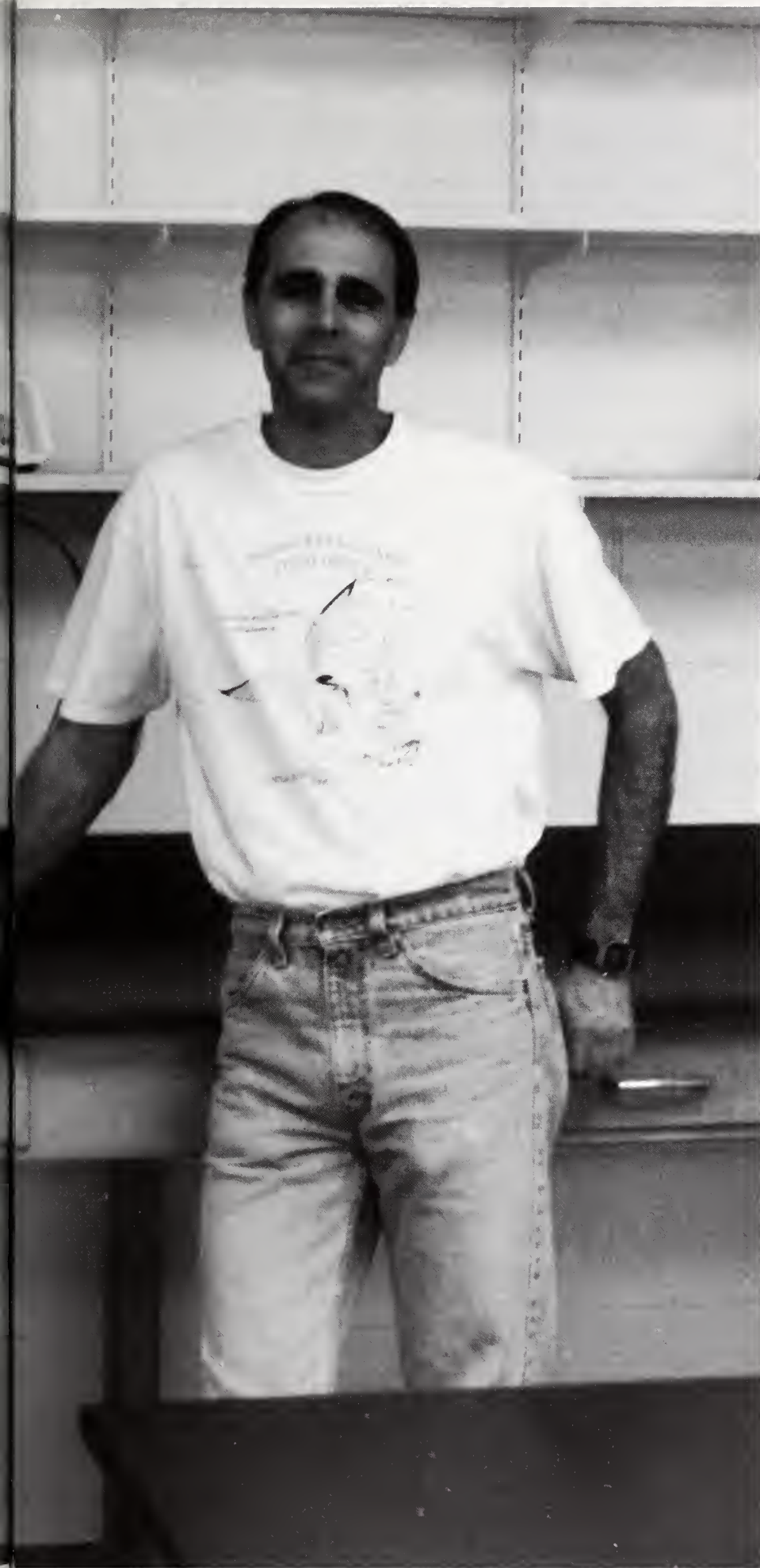
"My academic values have changed somewhat since my undergraduate days. I don't have time for campus activities, but they should still be an option for graduate students," said David Hester, a communication doctoral student.

The newly revived Graduate Student Association will deal with issues such as child-care, family-friendly entertainment on campus and preparing for future professional positions.

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Monty Lowe



For all degrees, graduate students have required courses to take. This is true for the speech communication graduate students taking Communication Theory taught by **Dr. Susan Siltanen**.



Monty Lowe



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Teaching **Ed Stuart**, senior in the college of Business Administration, the ways of the Union Offices, is the Union Graduate Assistant **Adriano Bussab**, a graduate student in the college of Business.

For most courses of study in the College of Science and Technology one of the requirements of being a graduate student is to be a teaching instructor for a lab. **Tommy Rauch**, a graduate student, is teaching the BSC 221 lab for general botany.

Going outside the classes

Division of Student Affairs

by Leslie Walker

This university is more than bricks and glass and though it may not always seem like it, more than classes and fee payments.

This school is a microcosm of society--a community--and the administrators have provided many resources to help students do everything from making long distance phone calls, mastering study skills and getting a flu shot.

The Division of Student Affairs is an umbrella agency that includes everything that is not actually dealing with classes. The Counseling Center, Office of Support Services for Students with Disabilities, the University Police Department, the Commons, Career Planning and Placement, Residence Life and USM Student Health Services are some of the offices that are included.

The University Counseling Center is a group of licensed psychologists and counselors that provides counseling and workshops free of charge to faculty and staff. Questions that are troubling people range from time management to how to deal with a terminal illness.

In addition to these main services, the Center is also responsible for the administration of standardized tests.

The Office of Support Services for Students with Disabilities provides accommodations for students in the classroom as well as on campus. Interpreters, readers and exam modifications are some of the options that OSS offers.

The University Police Department has twenty-two full-time, state certified police officers that includes ticket writers, security guards and radio dispatchers. In addition, UPD also sponsors "Campus

Watch: Partners in Safety" and Crime Stoppers, provides a 24-hour escort service and worked with SGA to install 18 Code Blue Emergency telephones.

Student Health Services provides comprehensive health care services. For over nine years, the clinic has provided checkups, immunizations and prescriptions for students and their spouses. Also, through a partnership with local health care providers, students can charge services to their student accounts on nights and weekends.

The Division of Student Affairs will always provide the best possible services, but major changes are on the horizon. These include the renovation of the Union and the Commons and at least two new dorms.

Within the next two years, the Union and the Commons may become a proposed Student Life Center.

A committee is in the final planning phases and once funding is secured, bidding will start as early as this summer.

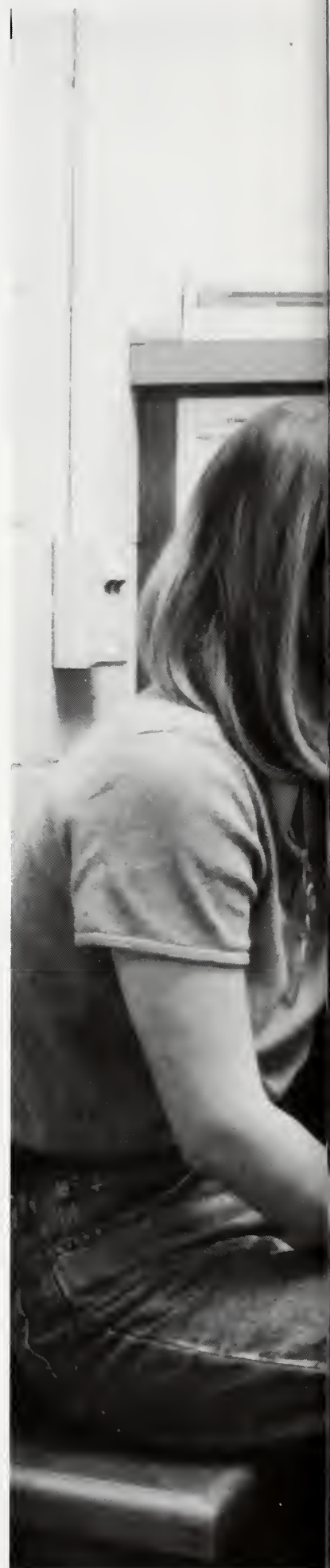
The Student Life Center will be built at a total estimated cost of \$35 million and will be paid for mostly through state appropriation funds and private donations. The Center will include a 350-seat theatre, copy center, computer lab, 850-seat banquet style ballroom and 3000-seat eating facility, with other possible features being considered.

All of these plans are contingent upon the needs and requests of the students.

"The only constant when dealing with students is change. Students today are expecting and even demanding better services," said Dr. Joe Paul, vice president for student affairs.

In the near future Dr. Paul sees increased services for student learning, career planning and child care.

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Jennifer Perry



Looking over the new designs for the Union and Commons is Union worker **David DeBlasio**. Both areas come under the Division of Student Affairs.



Mike Mitchell



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Members of the University Police think of remedies to solve the ills of the campus. The University Police comes under the arm of the Division of Student Affairs.

If a student needs to go in for a routine check-up, the clinic provides inexpensive treatment and friendly service by trained professional nurses and doctors on campus.

Reflecting on the past

Black and Women's History Month

by Kinya Beckwith

During Black History and National Women's History Months, USM students and the country reflect on the many contributions of people who were overlooked during much of America's history.

The USM chapter of the NAACP hosted various programs throughout the month of February in celebration of Black History Month.

On February 11, the chapter held a blue ribbon pinning in the Union. USM students and faculty were pinned by chapter members.

"These ribbons were in honor of all African-Americans who made tremendous sacrifices in order for us to enjoy the privileges we have today," said Jennifer McDonald, president of the NAACP.

Later on that evening, the chapter sponsored a Founder's Day program. Wendell Paris, Sr., NAACP state field director, was the guest speaker.

"Mr. Paris was a dynamic speaker. I think his speech really benefitted everyone who attended the program. Many college students have not had the opportunity to interact with someone who was directly involved in the Civil Rights Movement," said McDonald.

Other campus organizations celebrated as well. On February 9, AASO held a panel discussion entitled, "The Black Community--Are We Separate, but Equal?"

The purpose of the discussion was to address the problems of the Black community and propose a solution to those issues.

"As an organization, it is our job

to inform other students on campus of the many achievements African-Americans have made," said William Myles, president of AASO.

On February 19, AASO hosted "Presentations of Color." Students displayed their talents and pride through singing, poetry readings and dramatic plays.

"Although Black History Month is celebrated nationally, we should not wait until February to celebrate. We should learn a little history everyday," said Myles.

In March, National Women's History Month gave women a chance to spotlight, yet not segregate.

"I believe this is a time to look back and celebrate the many achievements women have made," said Anne

Wallace, director of the Women's Studies program.

In celebration of this month, USM's Committee on Services and Resources for Women hosted a variety of brown bag luncheon lectures.

These 30 minute lectures were delivered by various USM faculty members concerning current research on women's issues.

CSRW also sponsored the nationally practiced "Take Your Daughter to Work Day."

The idea behind this program is to familiarize daughters with work outside the home and give them a view of the infinite options they have available.

USM is one of the few schools in the country to offer a certificate program in women's studies. The 18-hour program can be taken in conjunction with any major.

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Serving as a speaker during Women's History Month activities is **Dr. Amy Chasteen**. Dr. Chasteen spoke on the women's movement concerning rape.



Hadley Breckenridge



courtesy of AASO

Performing outside of the Union is the AASO choir. They sang during Black History Month to commemorate the diversity and history that the month reflects.

Part of the celebration of women's history also focuses on day to day life of the present. Take your daughter to work day was part of the reflection on women's life and the struggle of the women's movement during women's history month.

Playing to the audience

Arts Production

by Donnie Boman

Always offering something new and interesting, USM's College of the Arts did not deny that tradition to the student body this year. With the variety of events performed this year, something appealed to everyone's tastes.

The Threepenny Opera was featured early in the school year. Held in October, this performance highlighted the theatre program at USM by showing off talent in acting and singing in this musical.

The "Masters of the Print" exhibit displayed in the C.W. Woods Art Gallery in the fall semester included paintings dating before 1506 with prints from Mategna, an Italian Renaissance artist. Well-known "masters" such as Rembrandt, Durer, and Whistler also have featured prints in this collection held on anonymous loan to USM. Proceeds from donations went to restoring and preservation of the prints. The Woods Gallery also brought the Van Houten exhibition in the spring semester. Another showcase in the spring was the Raphael exhibition.

All dance majors pursuing a Fine Arts degree are required to present and choreograph a dance in the Young Choreographers Concert held in early November. This annual event should also be a requirement for all those interested in what the USM College of the Arts has to offer. All dances originate through the backgrounds and ideas of the student

choreographers/producers.

The Venetian Twins brought comic relief near the end of the fall semester. The six performances of this theater production filled with bawdy Italian comedy and hilarious situations nearly all sold out. This humorous adaptation of the 18th century play by Carlo Goldini brought laughs to all who attended the performances.

The USM Symphony Orchestra and Oratorio Chorus showcased talent in the December 11 performance of

Brahms Requiem in the Bennett Auditorium. They also offered a spectacular April 23 performance of the works by Samuel Adler.

The spring semester was successful for the theater department. The

USM theater brought *Balm in Gilead* to the student body and surrounding community through its performances in late February. Tennessee Williams's famous play, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, was staged before a USM audience in late April.

The annual opera at USM was Jacques Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld*. This opera put student talent in the limelight and was held in the spring semester.

Other productions of the College of the Arts over the year included the Southern Chorale concert, the Southern Horn Quartet, a USM Symphonic Winds concert, the USM Sax Chamber Orchestra concert, two Jazz labs concerts, and a Spring Dance concert.

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Kris Stokes



Alex Lagos plays the bass in the USM orchestra and Opera's production of Brahms *Requiem* in December.



Kris Stokes



Michael Russell

The Black and Gold Revue perform at the December Holiday Choral Concert. This singing ensemble showcased their abilities through seasonal songs in this USM sponsored event.

Laura Smith and Freddie Ashley, or Mrs. and Mr. Peachum, sing a ditty in the production of *The Threepenny Opera*. This play ran from October 8-11 in the Mannoni Performing Arts Center.

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Hall of Fame

Induction into the Hall of Fame is one of the highest honors a student can receive at the University of Southern Mississippi. These students have shown high academic achievement and exemplary involvement and leadership in extracurricular activities, campus life, and service to the university and community.

David Christopher De Blasio

A biology major from Slidell, La., David Christopher De Blasio is the son of Ron and Lynda De Blasio. David is a recipient of the American Cancer Society Fellowship and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Honorary. An active member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, David has served as pledge class vice president, secretary, and chairman of public relations, community service and alumni relations. David has held memberships in Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Golden Key, Order of Omega and Omicron Delta Kappa. David was also a member of Campus Crusade for Christ, Reformed University Fellowship and the Union Advisory Board. While at USM he was active in intramural sports. After graduation David plans to attend medical school.



Chad Malcom Doleac

Chad Malcom Doleac is the son of Ron and Ellen Doleac, and he is a political science major from Hattiesburg. Chad has served as president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and president of the Interfraternity Council and Jr. Greek Council. Chad has served as the assistant director of public relations and was a senator for the Student Government Association. He has held memberships in Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta, Order of Omega, Lambda Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi and Phi Eta Sigma. Chad was the recipient of the Warren Poslusny Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation Outstanding Achievement Scholarship, the Leadership Scholarship and USM Foundation Scholarship. Chad, who was also selected as an Outstanding Freshman Male by Omicron Delta Kappa, plans to pursue a career in law and politics.



Jennifer Lee Ellison

Jennifer Lee Ellison is the daughter of Thomas and Joyce Ellison. She is a psychology major from Philadelphia. She has served as the president and treasurer of Gamma Beta Phi. She has held numerous leadership positions in Alpha Lambda Delta and was pledge class president of Tau Beta Sigma. Jennifer has held memberships in Lambda Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa, Psi Chi, Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi. An active member of the Student Government Association, Jennifer has served as a freshman associate, assistant cabinet director and cabinet director. Jennifer is the recipient of the O.L. and Marie B. Sims Presidential Scholarship and was given the honor of Outstanding Freshman Woman. She was also a member of the Pride of Mississippi Marching Band Color Guard. Jennifer plans to obtain a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and hopes to work with children.





Julie Marie Jarrell

A speech communication major from Pascagoula, Julie Marie Jarrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jarrell. She has held memberships in Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, Lambda Sigma, Gamma Alpha Epsilon and Golden Key. She is a recipient of the National Scholarship and the Most Outstanding Freshman Woman Award. Jarrell held the offices of president, senator, student relations director and associates director in the Student Government Association. She was also president of Delta Gamma sorority, treasurer of Jr. Greek Council and a member of Southern Style. While at USM Jarrell was also involved in the UAC, Greek Seekers, Eagle Connection and College Republicans. She plans to use her experiences with Panhellenic's Judicial Board as she pursues a career as an attorney.



Angela Christene Jones

A marketing major from Jackson, Angela Christene Jones is the daughter of Martha Jones. Jones was the recipient of the Leadership Scholarship and the Union Planters Scholarship. Selected as an Outstanding Freshman Woman, Angela has held memberships in Lambda Sigma, Phi Chi Theta and Omicron Delta Kappa. She is the recipient of various awards including the Clyde Kennard Award, the Black Achievement Award and the NAACP Outstanding New Member Award. A founding member of V.I.S.I.O.N., Jones has served as president of this community service organization and continues to work closely with the Office of Community Service Learning. She has also served as an active member of the Afro-American Student Organization, the Student Government Association, the University Activities Council and Southern Style. Jones plans to pursue a career as an educator.



Laura Michelle McInnis

Laura Michelle McInnis is the daughter of Rolf and Sherry McInnis. She is a psychology major from Mobile, Ala. Laura served as president of Chi Omega sorority, and was a member of numerous honor societies including Lambda Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Alpha Epsilon, Gamma Beta Phi, Golden Key and Phi Eta Sigma. She served on the USM Homecoming Court as Student Body and Sophomore Maid. Laura was also selected at Miss USM. She has also served in the Student Government Association as Senate parliamentarian and public relations chair. She was the major entertainment chair of the University Activities Council and a student tour guide representative for the Office of Admissions and Recruitment. After graduation, Laura hopes to work as a guidance counselor in a high school or university setting.



John Brooks Moore

John Brooks Moore, an education and psychology major, is the son of John and Launo Moore of Tickfaw, La. While at USM, Brooks was involved in the Student Government Association, Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa and Gamma Beta Phi. He founded the President's Council and served as a member of the Eagle Connection, Southern Style, Honors Student Association, Student Alumni Association and Student Handbook Organization. Brooks was awarded the Most Outstanding Freshman Male, Most Outstanding Student Government Association Member, Panelist for Student Forum, Honors College, and Dr. Fleming's Executive Cabinet. Brooks received the Academic Excellence Scholarship and was recognized as a Mississippi Star Emerging Campus Leader. Brooks plans to be a vice president for student affairs at a comprehensive university.

Who's Who

in American Colleges and Universities

Jacqueline D. Anderson

Major:

English

Activities and Honors:

Alpha Kappa Alpha president and vice president, SGA Spirit Director, AASO Activities Coordinator, Lambda Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Greek of the Week, Dean's List, AASO Leadership Award, AASO Academic Achievement Award, Boys and Girls Club volunteer, Helping Hands Mission volunteer, Hawkins Junior High tutor, State Farm intern



Megan Kristen Andrews

Major:

Community & Commercial Recreation Administration

Activities and Honors:

Kappa Delta Intramural Chairman, Dixie Darlings, SGA, Sports Officials Association vice president, Recreational Sports Student Staff Advisory Council, Intramural Sports Advisory Board, Recreation Major Club Treasurer, Hospitality Management Club, Kipp's volunteer gymnastics instructor, Dean's List



Frederick Herlihy Asher

Major:

Microbiology

Activities and Honors:

Residence Hall Association president, Resident Assistant, UAC, Pride Marching Band, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Rho Eta Alpha, President's List, Francis Conn Pre-Medical Scholarship, USM Technology Committee, USM Presidential Selection Committee, Elam Arms Hall Council, SAACURH, President's List



Sara Alma Bartran

Major:

Molecular biology

Activities and Honors:

Union Advisory Board president, Volunteers Impacting Society through Individual Outreach Now (V.I.S.I.O.N.) committee chairperson, Honors College, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, College of Science and Technology Scholar, Academic Excellence Scholarship, Dean's List



Heather Nicole Berke

Major:

Biological Sciences

Activities and Honors:

Delta Delta Delta president, SGA United Way Director, Sigma Chi Derby Darling, Diamond Darling, SAA, Beta Beta Beta, Order of Omega, Golden Key, Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta Best Scholarship Award, Karen Preston Garner Biology Scholarship, All-American Scholar, National Dean's List, Dean's List



Kamini Bhakta

Major:

Biology

Activities and Honors:

Honors Student Association Sophomore Rep. and Mentor Program cochairman, SGA, Southern Style, Beta Beta Beta, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Hillcrest Hall Council Treasurer, SAA, University Honors Council, Residence Hall Association, Wellness Council, Civitan Scholarship, National Dean's List, Dean's List, Honors College Mentor Program



Sushma Jyotika Bhakta

Major:

Microbiology

Activities and Honors:

Pulley Hall Council president, Resident Assistant, P.A.C.E.R.S., SGA, Honors College Mentor Board, USM Wellness Committee, BACCHUS, Resident Assistant Selection Committee and Training Committee, MIRAGE delegate, Lambda Sigma, National Dean's List, Dean's List, Resident Assistant of the Week



Dalphany M. Blalock

Major: Nursing

Activities and Honors:

Alpha Kappa Alpha parliamentarian, Student Nurses Association, National Student Nurses Association, USM Office of Admissions and Recruitment Tour Guide, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, President's List, National Dean's List, Dean's List, Boys & Girls Club volunteer, Helping Hands Mission volunteer

Laura Leigh Brewer

Major:

Psychology

Activities and Honors:

Chi Omega secretary, Southern Style, Panhellenic Judicial Board, Panhellenic Risk Management Board, Student Eagle Club, SAA, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Psi Chi, Gamma Beta Phi, Golden Key, Alpha Lambda Delta, Pi Tau Chi, Phi Eta Sigma, National Dean's List, President's List, Dean's List, Science and Technology Scholar



Ralph Russell Britain

Major:

Nursing

Activities and Honors:

Golden Eagle Student Fellowship president, Student Nurses Association treasurer, Nurses Working for Cultural Diversity, Christian Nurses Fellowship, SGA, Sigma Theta Tau, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, President's List, 1997 Fuld Fellow, USM Student Nurse of the Year, Mississippi Association of Student Nurses Hall of Fame, A.P. Shoemaker Scholarship

Lisa Ann Ciccarelli

Major:

Biology

Activities and Honors:

Alpha Epsilon Delta president, Beta Beta Beta president, Alpha Lambda Delta junior & senior advisor, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Catholic Student Association, College of Science and Technology Outstanding Freshmen Woman, Volunteer Resource Center, National Dean's List, Dean's List, Undergraduate Research Fellowship



Katherine Elizabeth Clancy

Major:

Psychology

Activities and Honors:

Pi Beta Phi, Order of Omega president, SGA, Panhellenic Council, Honors Student Association, College Republicans, Canterbury Fellowship, Student Eagle Club, SAA, Omicron Delta Kappa, Psi Chi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, National Dean's List, Academic Excellence Scholarship, Honors College Scholarship, Outstanding Panhellenic Delegate

Melanie Leigh Davis

Major:

Fashion Merchandising and Marketing

Activities and Honors:

Chi Omega, Pride Marching Band, Symphonic Winds, Southern Style, Baptist Student Union, Kappa Omicron Nu, Golden Key, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Outstanding Freshman Woman, Lanelle Gaddis Long Foundation Scholarship, Outstanding Senior in Fashion Merchandising



David Christopher DeBlasio

Major:

Biology

Activities and Honors:

Delta Tau Delta secretary, Campus Crusade for Christ, Alpha Epsilon Delta vice president, Union Advisory Board secretary, Reformed University Fellowship, Intramural Sports, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key, Order of Omega, Gamma Beta Phi, National Dean's List

Who's Who

In American Colleges and Universities

Chad Malcom Dolcic

Major:

Political Science

Activities and Honors:

Sigma Alpha Epsilon president, Interfraternity Council president and Judicial Board, Junior Greek Council president, SGA, Greek Seekers, Student Eagle Club, SAA, 1997 Intramural Soccer Champions, Outstanding Freshman Male, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Lambda Sigma, Dean's List, Leadership Scholarship Award



Jennifer Lee Ellison

Major:

Psychology

Activities and Honors:

Gamma Beta Phi president, Angel Flight - Silver Wings vice president, Tau Beta Sigma, SGA, Honors Student Association, Pride Marching Band Color Guard, Student Representative to Academic Council, Student Eagle Club, Outstanding Freshman Woman, Lambda Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, Psi Chi, President's List, Dean's List



Amanda Marian Gambrell

Major:

Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism

Activities and Honors:

Delta Delta Delta assistant new member educator, Hospitality Management Club secretary/treasurer, Professional Convention Management Association, SGA Senate, Miss Southern Pageant Director, Lambda Sigma, Eta Sigma Delta, Margaret McCarthy Scholarship, Outstanding Junior in Hotel, Restaurant, & Tourism



Joy Caroline Hamilton

Major:

Health Administration

Activities and Honors:

Delta Delta Delta philanthropy chair, Pride Marching Band Feature Twirler, P.A.C.E.R.S. vice president, Southern Style, Adopt-a-School Coordinator, American Marketing Association, Union Board, Outstanding Freshman Woman, Order of Omega treasurer, Lambda Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Eta Sigma Gamma, Leadership Scholarship



Leigh Alison Herrington

Major:

Speech Communication

Activities and Honors:

Pi Beta Phi vice president & philanthropy chair, Panhellenic Philanthropy Chair, Southern Style, College Republicans vice president, Speech Communications Association, Women's Soccer Club, Eagle Connection, Americorp volunteer, Greek of the Week, Honors College Scholarship recipient, Hattiesburg Soccer Youth Association coach



Julie Marie Jarrell

Major:

Speech Communication

Activities and Honors:

Delta Gamma president, SGA president, Southern Style, UAC, Greek Seekers, Eagle Connection, Panhellenic Judicial Board, College Republicans, Junior Greek Council, Most Outstanding Freshman Woman, Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key, Lambda Sigma, Order of Omega, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma



Angela Christene Jones

Major:

Marketing

Activities and Honors:

V.I.S.I.O.N. president, SGA Philanthropy Director, AASO cultural awareness director, UAC, NAACP, American Marketing Association, Southern Style, SAA, Outstanding Freshman Female, Lambda Sigma, Phi Chi Theta, Omicron Delta Kappa, Clyde Kennard Award, Black Achievement Award, 1996 NAACP Outstanding New Member



Gina Leigh Ladner

Major:

Accounting

Activities and Honors:

Chi Omega intramural chairman, SGA treasurer, USM Cheerleader, Recreation Sports Advisory Council, Phi Chi Theta, Diamond Darling, Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, Recreation Sports Employee of the Year, President's List, Dean's List, Leadership Scholarship Award



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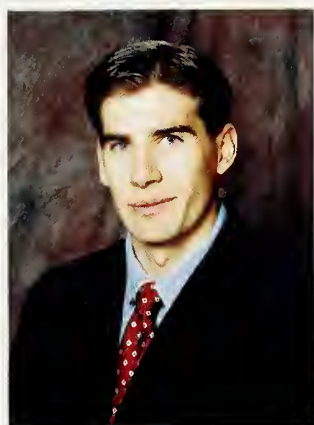
William Darren Leach

Major:

Political Science

Activities and Honors:

Sigma Alpha Epsilon intramural chairman & chaplain, SGA attorney general, Union Expansion Committee, Southern Style, Intramural Advisory Board, SAA, College Republicans vice president, Baptist Student Union, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, National Dean's List, Dean's List



Robin Lea Leggett

Major:

Speech Pathology

Activities and Honors:

Delta Delta Delta vice president, SGA, Southern Style, Eagle Connection, Greek Seekers, Golden Girls, Diamond Darlings, SAA, Student Eagle Club, Student Speech and Hearing Association, Beta Beta Beta, Order of Omega, Golden Key, Lambda Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, President's List, Walt Disney College Program



Kalynthia Sheral Martin

Major:

Nursing

Activities and Honors:

Alpha Kappa Alpha secretary & fund raising chair, Mississippi Hall Council president, Student Nurses Association, Resident Assistant, RHA, Golden Girls, AASO, Volunteer Resource Center, SAA, Golden Eagle Student Fellowship Program, Golden Key, Order of Omega, Gamma Beta Phi, President's List, Dean's List, Afro-American Black Achievement Awards



Laura Michelle McInnis

Major:

Psychology

Activities & Honors:

Chi Omega president, Miss USM, student body maid & sophomore maid, Omicron Delta Kappa president, Southern Style, SGA, UAC, All Greek Judicial Board, Greek Seekers, Outstanding Freshman Woman, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Tau Chi, Order of Omega, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta president, Lambda Sigma, Gamma Alpha Epsilon, President's List, Dean's List



John Brooks Moore

Major:

Psychology

Activities and Honors:

Alpha Tau Omega treasurer, SGA president, Interfraternity Council, Honors Student Association, Southern Style, Eagle Connection, SAA, Most Outstanding Freshman Male, Most Outstanding SGA member, Omicron Delta Kappa, Lambda Sigma vice president, Order of Omega, Gamma Beta Phi, Academic Excellence Scholarship



Robert Howard Morrow

Major:

Psychology

Activities & Honors:

The Pinehaven Council president, fund raiser for the Pinehaven Children's Fund, SGA Senator, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Student Affiliate member of American Psychological Society, Honors College, Gamma Beta Phi, President's List, Dean's List, Senior Honors College Scholarship



Chilibra Nyshae Patterson

Major:

Chemistry

Activities and Honors:

Alpha Kappa Alpha treasurer, National Chemical Society, NAACP, Southern Style, Student Eagle Club, Jones Hall Council, Golden Key, Alpha Lambda Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, AASO Achievement Award, Boys and Girls Club tutor, President's List, Dean's List, Mississippi Alliance for Minority Participation Scholarship, McComb Junior Auxiliary Scholarship



Tressie Celeste Alford Phelps

Major:

Nursing

Activities and Honors:

Habitat for Humanity president, Alpha Epsilon Delta secretary, Student Nurses Association recording secretary, Eagle Connection, Gamma Beta Phi, Tatum Corporation Scholarship, Outstanding Equestrian Staff Member, Peter E. Durkee Award, Dean's List



Who's Who

In American Colleges and Universities

Kerri Lynn Provenza

Major:

Economics/International Business

Activities and Honors:

Delta Gamma public relations chair, UAC president, Union Advisory Board secretary/treasurer, SGA, Catholic Student Association, BACCHUS, Volunteer Resource Center, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Beta Gamma Sigma, Lambda Sigma, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, President's List, Study Abroad Program - Japan



Leigh Ann Salmon

Major:

Spanish/English

Activities & Honors:

Students for Progress cofounder and president, Student Greens, GLBSO, Honors College, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, Freshman Honors Colloquium Book Award, Polly Stout Foundation Award, Academic Excellence Award, Study Abroad Program - Spain



Andrea Danielle Thomas

Major:

Radio, Television, & Film/Spanish

Activities and Honors:

SGA Supreme Court justice, NAACP, Honors Student Association, Honors Forum Committee, WUSM Radio Station announcer, Student Printz reporter, Southerner reporter, Alpha Lambda Delta vice president, Golden Key, Lambda Sigma, Phi Eta Sigma, National Dean's List, Betty and Marvin Reuben Scholarship, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship



Angela Marie White

Major:

Management Information Systems

Activities and Honors:

Beta Gamma Sigma president, Hickman Hall director, resident assistant, UAC advertising chairman, Association of Information Technology Professionals, Habitat for Humanity treasurer, Business Student Advisory Council secretary, PACERS, Honors Student Association, Outstanding Freshman Woman, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, UAC Member of the Year



Mathew Edward Elliot Rippere

Major:

Instrumental/Vocal Music Education

Activities and Honors:

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Honors Student Association, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Pride Marching Band, Symphonic Winds, Southern Chorale, Southern Arts Pro Musica, All-South Honor Orchestra coordinator, Gamma Beta Phi corresponding secretary, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Pi Kappa Lambda, Golden Key



Suzanne Stack

Major:

Dance

Activities and Honors:

Pi Beta Phi, Chi Tau Epsilon president, SAA, Young Choreographer's Concert choreographer, Senior Dance Award, Weezie Ole Myers Foundation Scholarship, Louvelle Morris Scholarship, Dance Service Award, Jim Clinton Award, Outstanding Young Women of America, University of New Orleans Assistantship in Arts Administration



Rebecca Joanna Timmins

Major:

Management

Activities and Honors:

Alpha Delta Pi executive vice president, Golden Key president, Gamma Sigma Alpha president, Circle K president, Panhellenic Public Relations, Southerner Greek Editor, Resident Assistant, Eagle Connection, Business Student Advisory Council, Gamma Beta Phi reporter, Order of Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa, Lambda Sigma, President's List, Greek of the Week



Alvis Wright II

Major:

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Activities and Honors:

Alpha Phi Alpha president & vice president, National Pan-Hellenic Council president, Order of Omega vice president, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, President's Council, Outstanding Fraternity President, NPHC Male Delegate of the Year Award, AASO Academic Achievement Award, National Dean's List, Dean's List



Bowl Winner *Phi Kappa Phi*

The highest scholastic honor a student can receive at USM is the Phi Kappa Phi Silver Bowl. Those eligible for this honor must be a senior member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and have a cumulative USM grade point average of 4.0.



Chesson Clement

Chesson Clement is a biological sciences major from LaPlace, La. He is the son of David Clement and Patricia Paisant. Chesson will attend Louisiana State University Medical Center and will participate in physical therapy program. He received numerous honors including the Outstanding General Physics Student Award, an Academic Excellence Scholarship, and the J. Fred and Mildred Walker Biological Sciences Scholarship. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the Golden Key National Honor Society, and is on the National Honor Roll and National Dean's List. He is a member of the Student Alumni Association, Gamma Beta Phi and the Invitation and Retention Committee, the Catholic Student Association, and the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society. He was also an Intramural Sports Official and Team Chairman for Residence Life Champions. Clement also serves as a volunteer at Christian Services.

Best Citizens

Two students, one male and one female, are chosen from the graduating class each year as Best Citizens. These student leaders have shown good citizenship and service while maintaining excellent academic standing.



Joy Caroline Hamilton

The daughter of Cliff and Janie Hamilton from Jackson, MS, Joy Caroline Hamilton is a health administration major. She wishes to one day be a top administrator in a large medical facility. She was the United Way Community Hero Olympic Torch Bearer, and received honors including the Miss Mississippi Community Service Award, Outstanding Southern Style Facilitator, Outstanding Freshman Woman, and Outstanding New Greek member. Joy was crowned Miss Hinds County 1997, and was named volunteer of the year for the Mississippi Marrow Donor Program. Joy was also a feature twirler for the Pride Marching Band, secretary for P.A.C.E.R.S., Adopt-A-School Coordinator, treasurer of Order of Omega, and Eta Sigma Gamma vice president. She also was the Philanthropy Chair for Delta Delta Delta sorority. She was a member of Lambda Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Southern Style, American Marketing Association, and the Union Board.



Alvis Wright II

Alvis Wright II, from Belden, is the son of Alvis and Vernell Wright. He majored in mechanical engineering technology and plans to pursue a MBA and become a marketing engineer. He is a recipient of the Frank Cain Endowment Scholarship, the AASO Academic Achievement Award, Outstanding Fraternity President, and the NPHC Male Delegate of the Year Award. He is also on the National Dean's List. Alvis Wright was involved in numerous organizations such as the National Panhellenic Council, where he served as President for the '96-'97 year. He was also on the President's Council and in the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He was vice president of the Order of Omega Honor Society and vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alvis also was involved in the tutoring and mentoring program for Pace Headstart Schools. He served the community in the Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Program, voter registration drives, blood drives, and Habitat for Humanity.

Courage to follow ideas

USM Fall 1997 Graduation

by USM Public Relations

National Geographic Society President Reg Murphy challenged fall graduates at the University of Southern Mississippi to have the courage to take leadership roles in an "age of skepticism."

"Leaders need not rise to fame and fortune," Murphy told more than 1,200 degree candidates during the fall commencement ceremonies at Reed Green Coliseum. "You can find leaders in your local churches, your community recreation councils and at your place of work. What is important is that leaders do what they do best: lead."

"We are all flawed, but we must have faith that our ideas are worth standing up for," continued Murphy, who served as president of the United States Golf Association and as editor of the Atlanta Constitution earlier in

his career.

"We must overcome our flaws and rise above the slings and arrows of public opinion," he said. "In an age of skepticism, leaders are more necessary than ever."

"Do you have what it takes? Can you stand to be ostracized for having the courage to follow your ideas... If you believe you can, then I call on you... to become the leaders we will need for tomorrow. The advantages far outweigh the risks," he challenged.

Following the address by Murphy, USM President Horace Fleming awarded diplomas to 1,229 prospective graduates - including 828 undergraduates and 401 graduate students. The graduating class included 129 students who earned diplomas at USM Gulf Coast.

"We must overcome our flaws and rise above the slings and arrows of public opinion," commented National Geographic Society President Murphy during his fall commencement speech to the graduates.

Patient and waiting for their turn in the spotlight, these fall graduates listen as the speaker, the President of the National Geographic Society, gives the commencement address.



Julie Ragusa



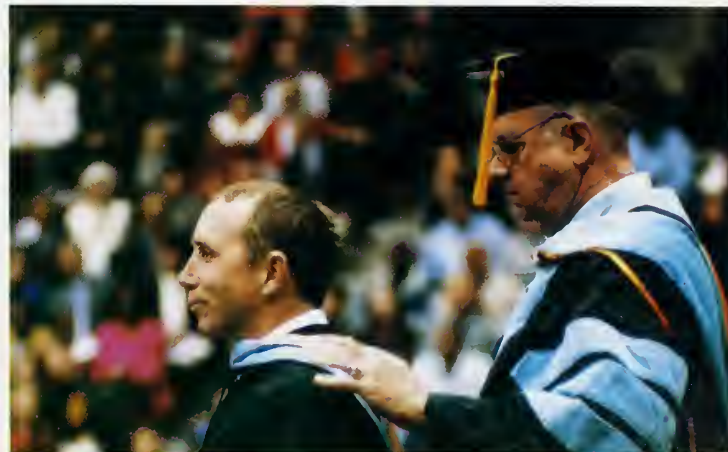
Julie Ragusa



Dr. **Karen Yarborough**, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, encourages the fall graduates.



Julie Ragusa



Julie Ragusa

Receiving his degree in educational administration, **Scott Dearman**, from Stringer, MS, is hooded by **Dr. Edgar Bedenbaugh**, Professor of Educational Leadership and research.

Dr. **Steve Doblin**, Dean of the College of Science and Technology, congratulates **Arrocus Baskin**, of Houston, MS, on earning his degree in Biological Sciences.



People



Embodiments of **EXCELLENCE**

by Alex Burns

With an enrollment of 12,954 students, it is impossible to take a look at USM without recognizing the diversity of our student body.

Spanning the fifty states and a number of different countries, the diversity found here allows us to explore different cultures while sharing the common experiences that USM has to offer.

The people who make up the student body are clearly an essential component of what makes our time at the University of Southern Mississippi a memorable experience.

Photo by Michael Russell

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Only by releasing the past and reaching out in new directions can full potential be realized. With the retirement of Dr. Lucas and the instatement of Dr. Fleming as President, USM has chosen to follow this doctrine by

Building Upon Tradition

by Kinya Beckwith

USM has a history of quality teaching, research opportunities and commitment to personal development that began over 85 years ago and will continue under the leadership of President Horace Fleming Jr.

"USM has a strong tradition of having both high-quality programs and a closeness between campus and community," Dr. Fleming said. "USM

"USM has a strong tradition of having both high quality programs and a closeness between campus and community. USM will continue to build upon these traditions."

-Dr. Horace Fleming

will continue to build upon these traditions."

On Jan. 1, 1997, Dr. Fleming became the seventh president of USM.

Dr. Fleming said the past year has been a whirlwind, but he recalled several highlights from his early months. Events like his first convocation, meeting with the college board, meeting the governor and lieutenant governor of Mississippi, and the beginning of USM's sports season will always spark special memories, said Dr. Fleming.

Upon succeeding Dr. Lucas as president, Dr. Fleming said he was aware of the pressures to continue USM's tradition of strong leadership.

"Dr. Lucas was regarded as one of the most outstanding leaders in higher education," Dr. Fleming said. "He has set a high standard for me, but he has also left a solid foundation on which to build."

Dr. Fleming said he is dedicated to making USM the best university that it can be and hopes that this can be accomplished with the help of his Commission on the Future.

"The purpose of the commission is to arrive at a vision for the university for the next ten years," Dr. Fleming said. "Right now the commission is in its conversational stage, but beginning in March the commission will get very specific."

What is Dr. Fleming's vision for USM in the next ten years? Dr. Fleming said he envisions USM as a school nationally known for its supportive and productive environment, quality programs and dedicated faculty and staff.

Dr. Fleming said he believes USM should concentrate on recruiting and retaining top faculty, while providing the best possible education for as many students as possible.

However, a school can't judge itself by numbers alone. Dr. Fleming said he knows that schools can often stunt their own growth with self-defeating attitudes.

"Too often we lament the state of education and we too willingly accept ourselves as being in last place," he said. "If you talk poor, you'll be poor. If you talk success, you'll be successful. USM is going to talk success."

Dr. Fleming said he would like USM graduates to take with them a life-long attachment to USM. "This university has made many people what they are today, personally and professionally."

The President also made a plea to students to take advantage of every aspect of their education and reap its full rewards. "I want USM students to enjoy every moment of their college life, because they are memories that last a lifetime."





Michael Russell

Dr. Fleming, who was born and raised in the state of Georgia, shows some of his southern style as the seventh president of the University of Southern Mississippi.



Michael Russell



Michael Russell

Dr. Horace Fleming takes a few minutes out of his busy schedule to introduce himself to some of the students who have flocked from across the United States to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Fleming pauses for a moment to admire the beauty of the Hattiesburg campus from the bridge across Lake Byron, a favorite site of students seeking a bit of solitude among the throng of students.

Undergraduates

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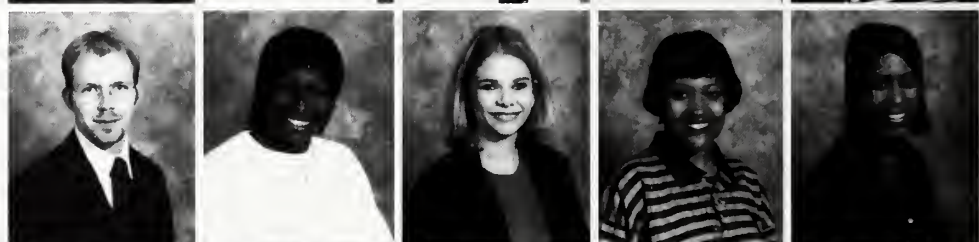
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 Catherine Allen, Magee
 Cori Allen, McComb
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Brandy Andrews, Long Beach

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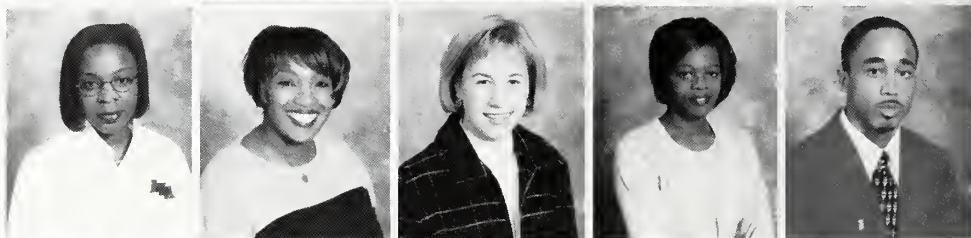
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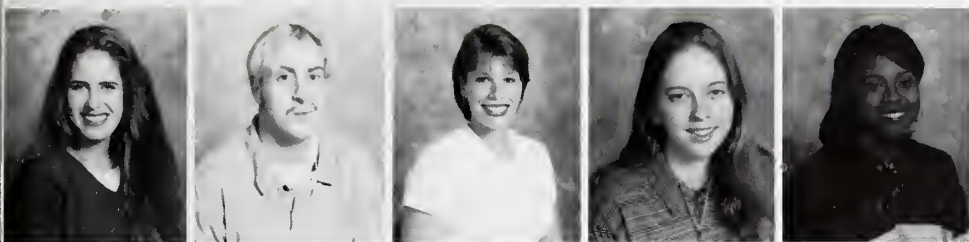
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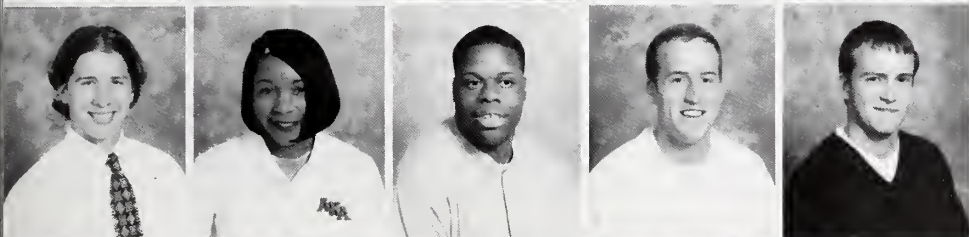
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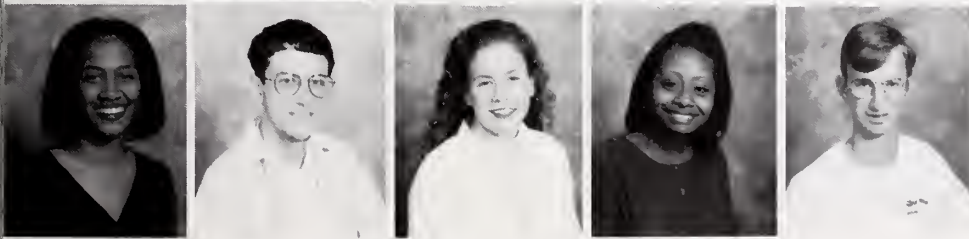
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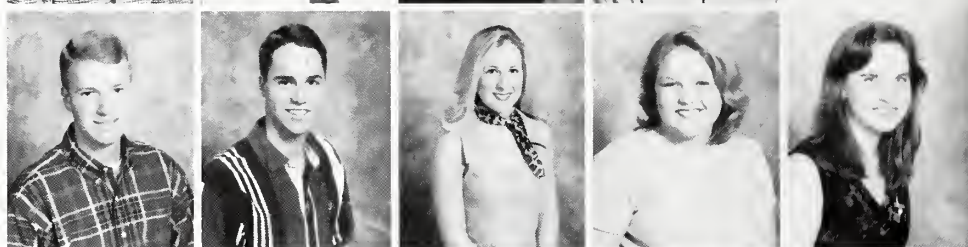
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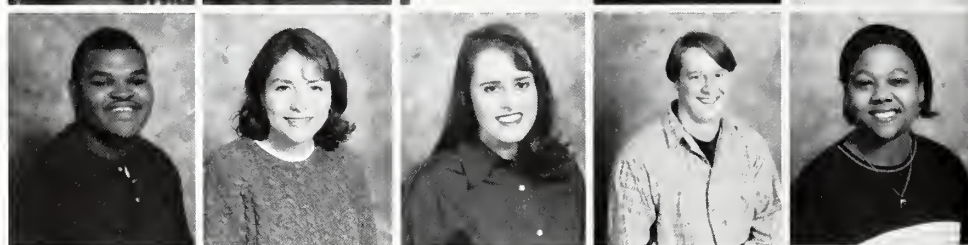
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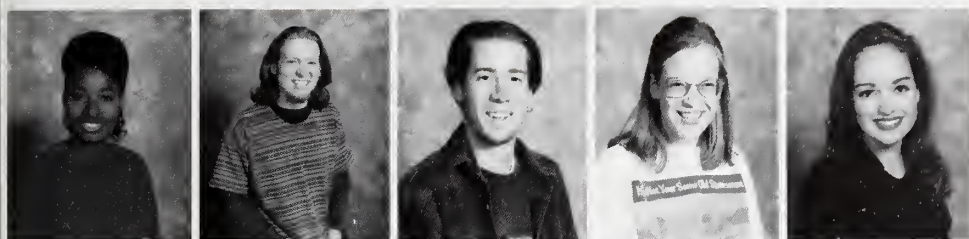
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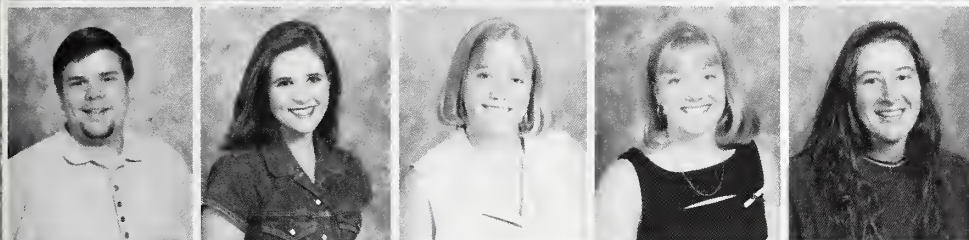
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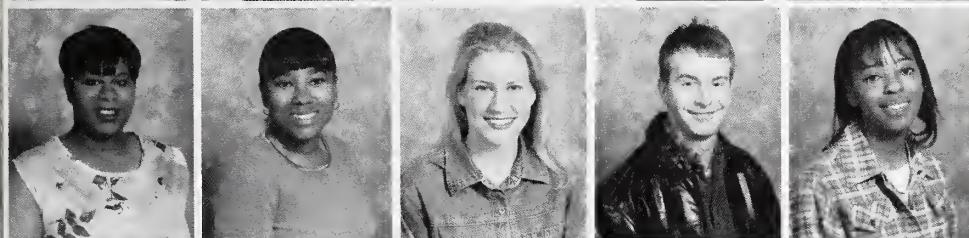
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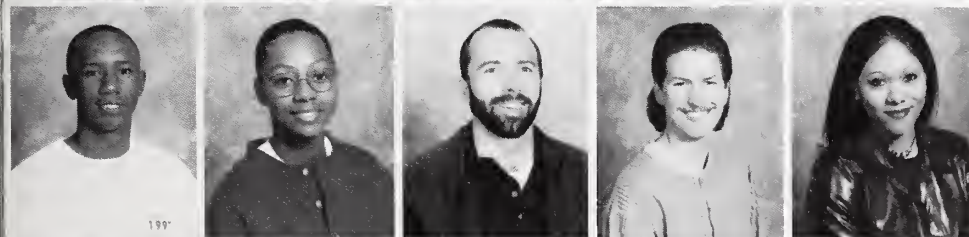
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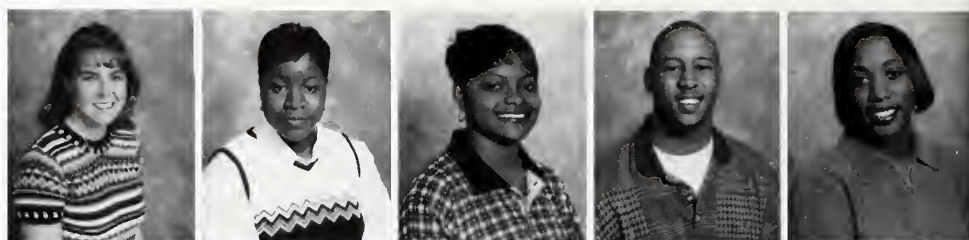
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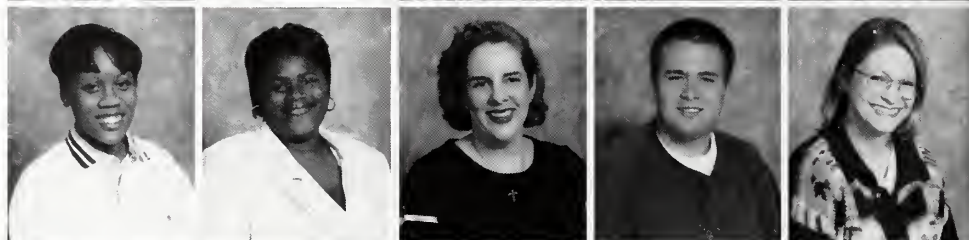
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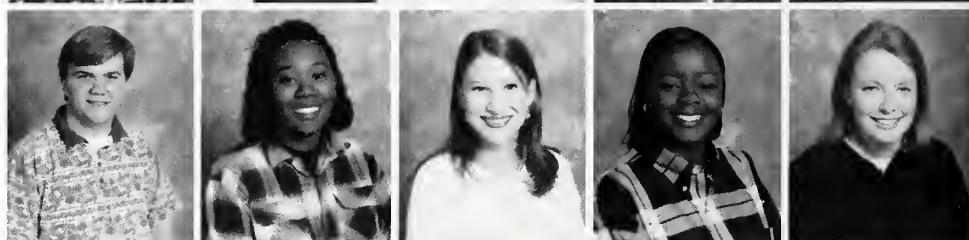
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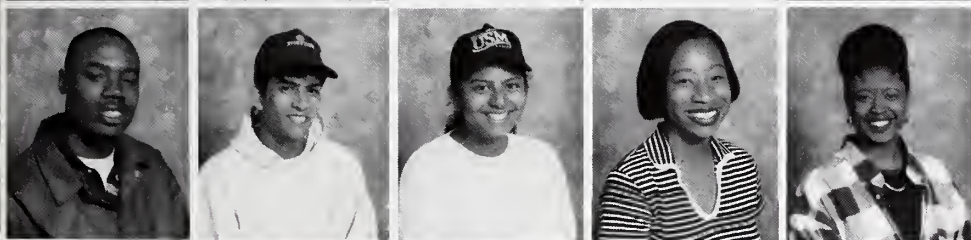
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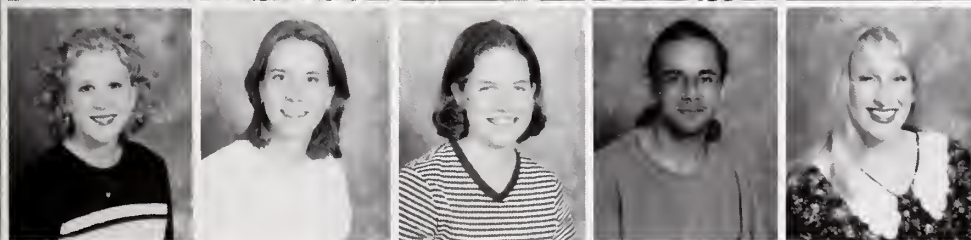
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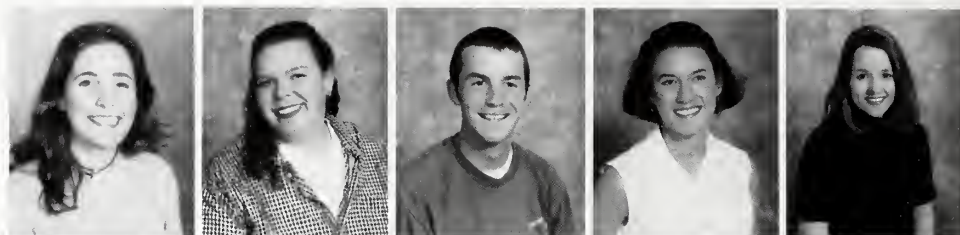
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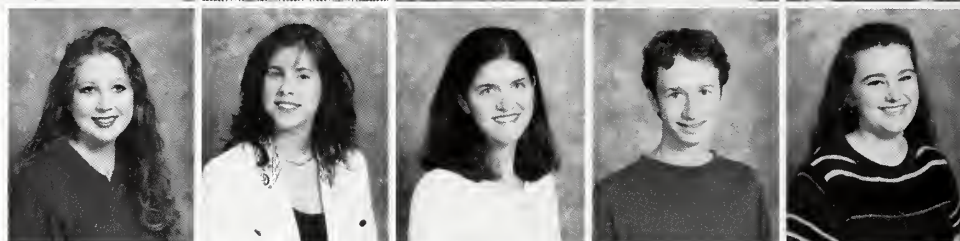
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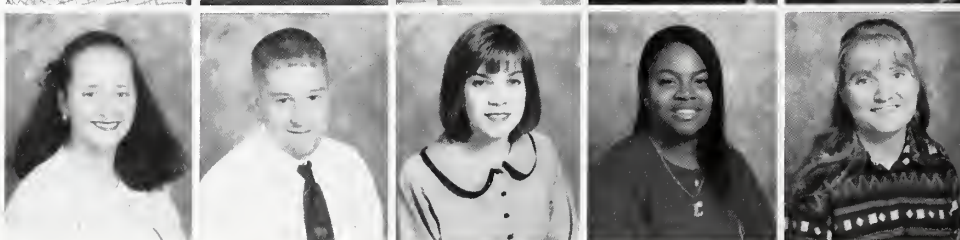
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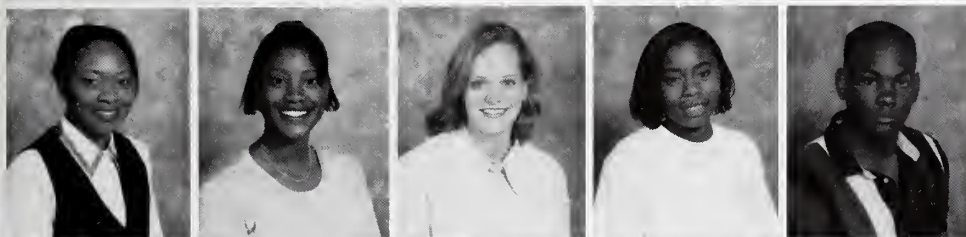
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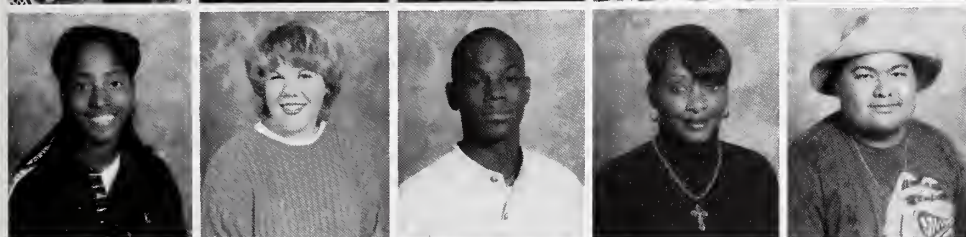
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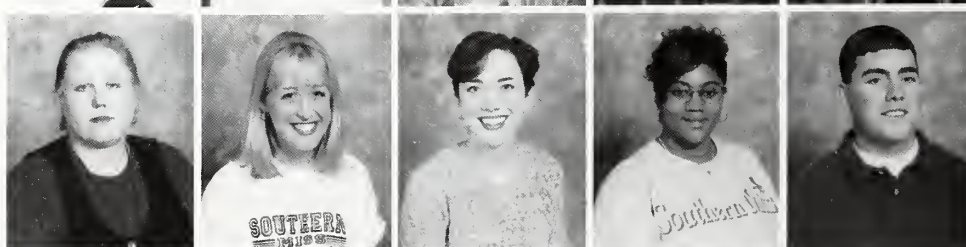
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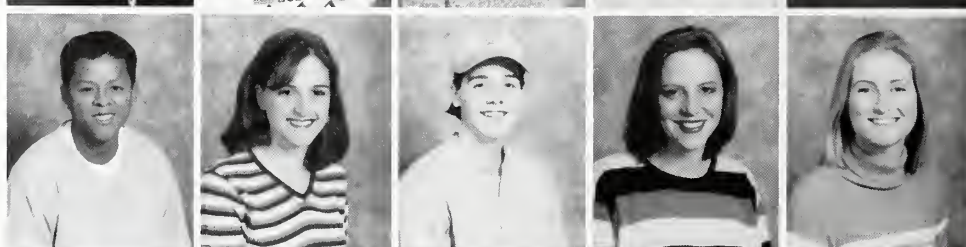
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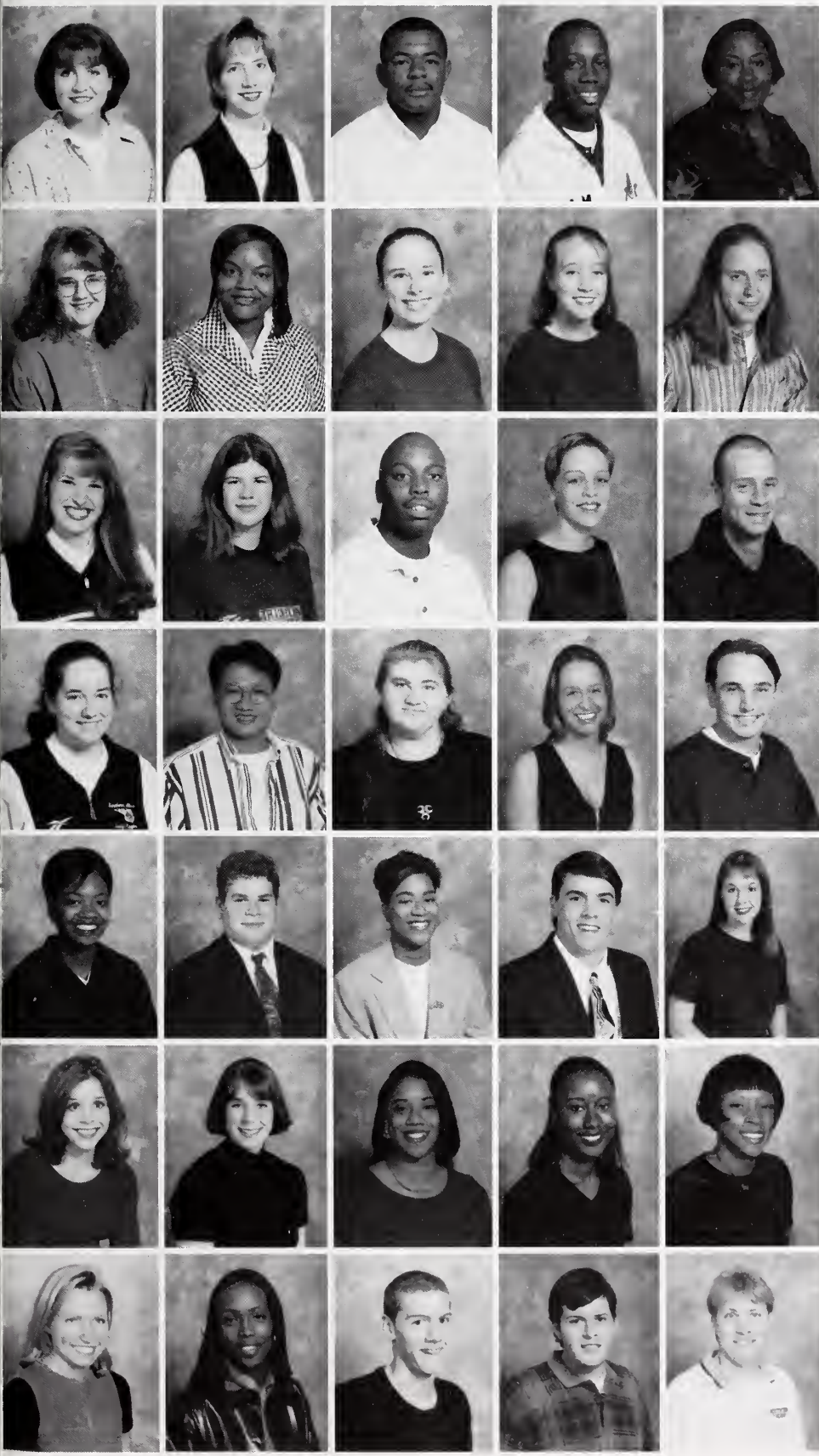
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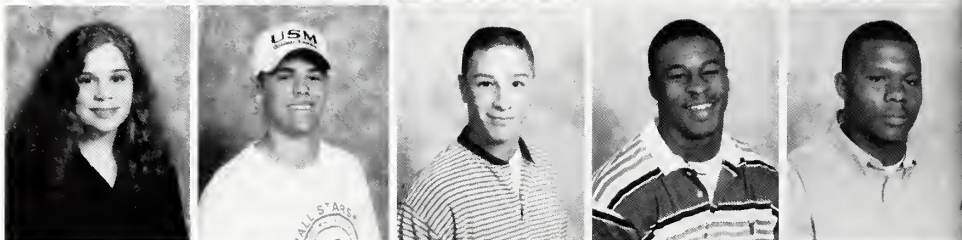
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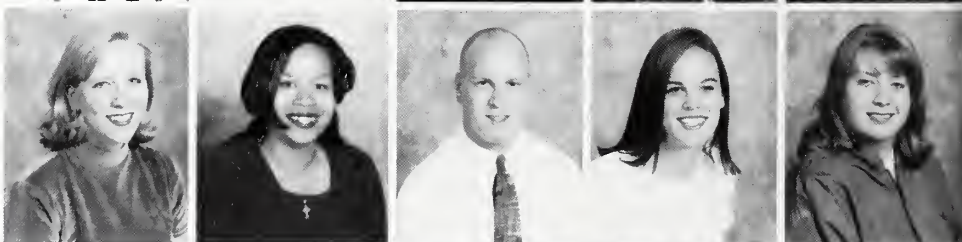
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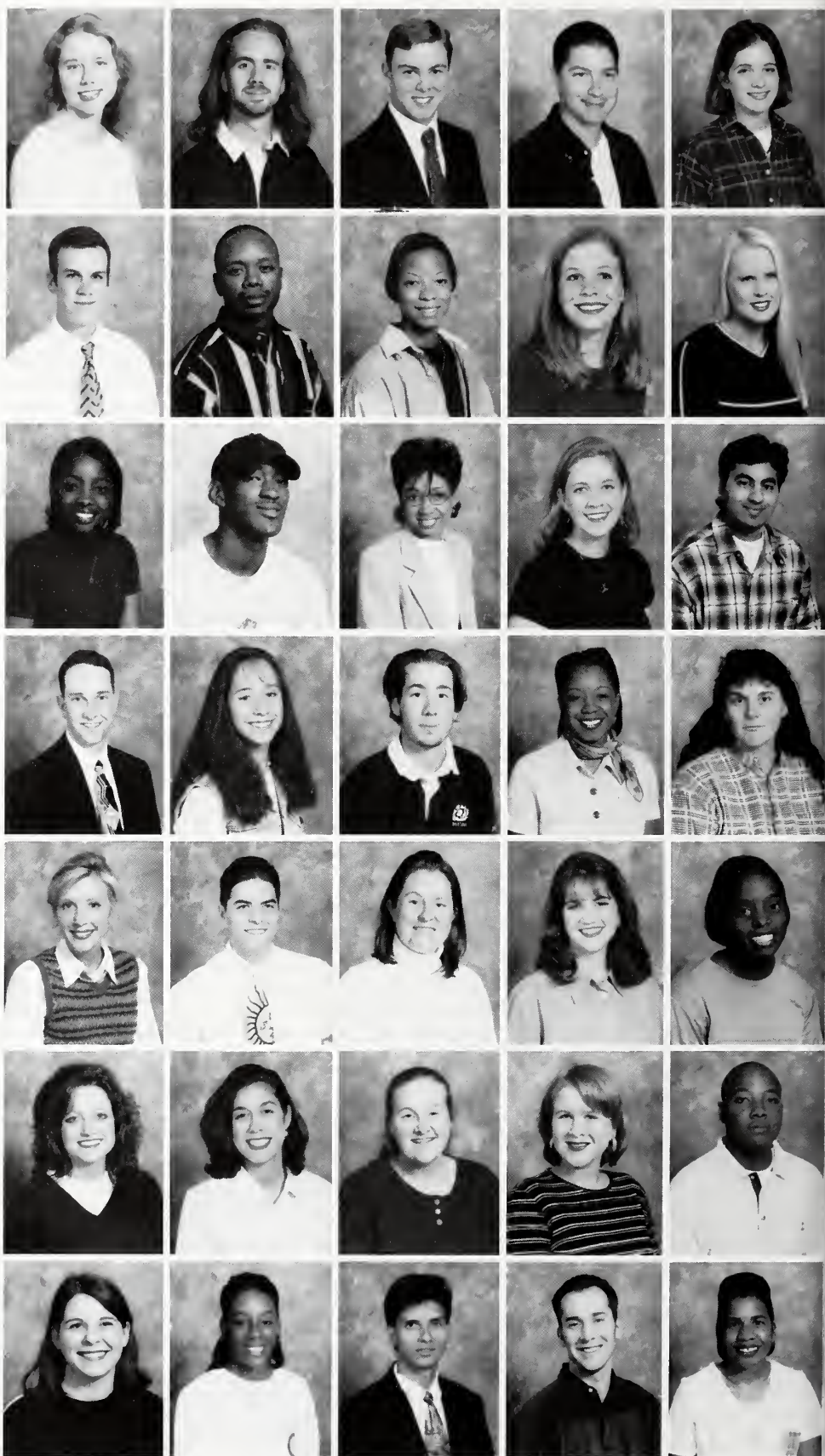
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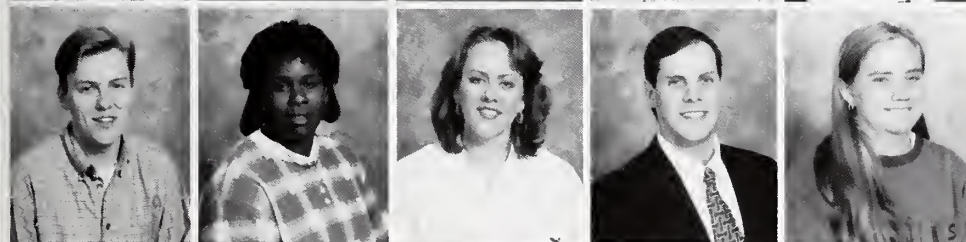
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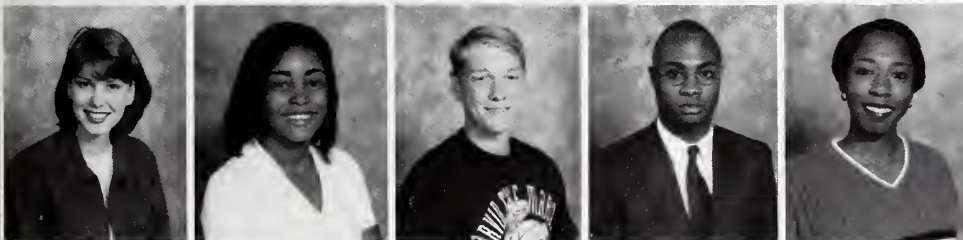
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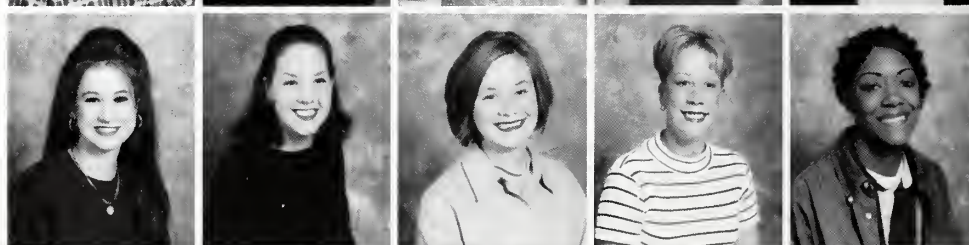
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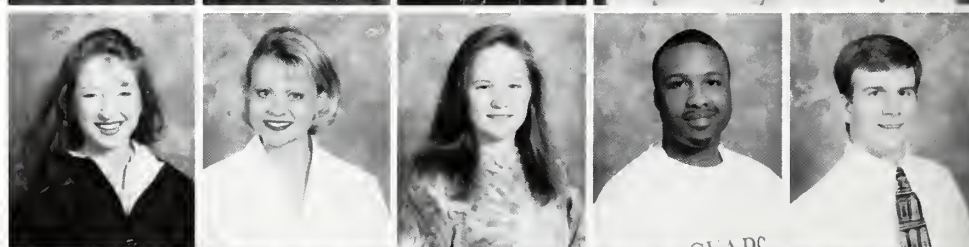
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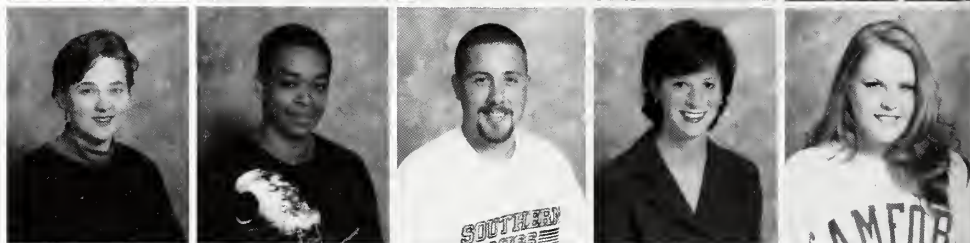
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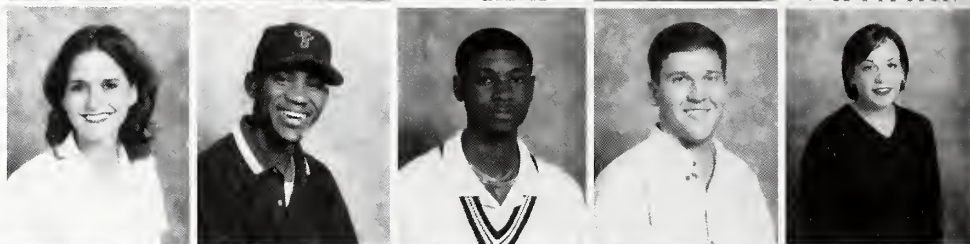
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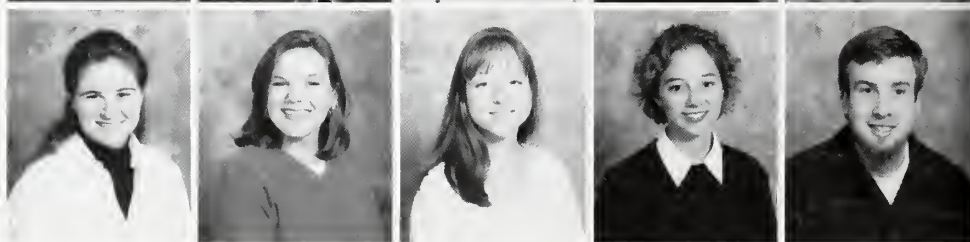
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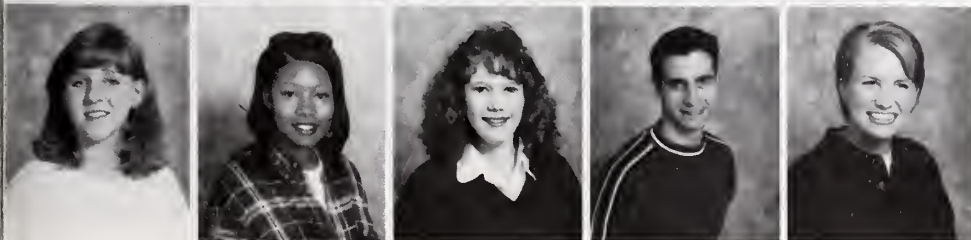
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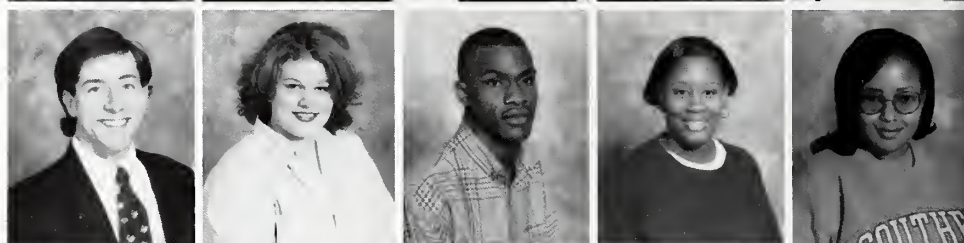
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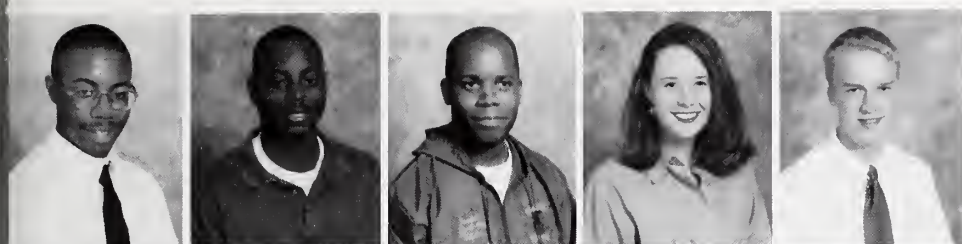
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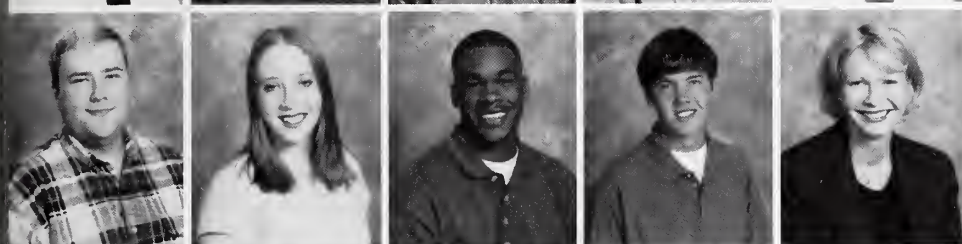
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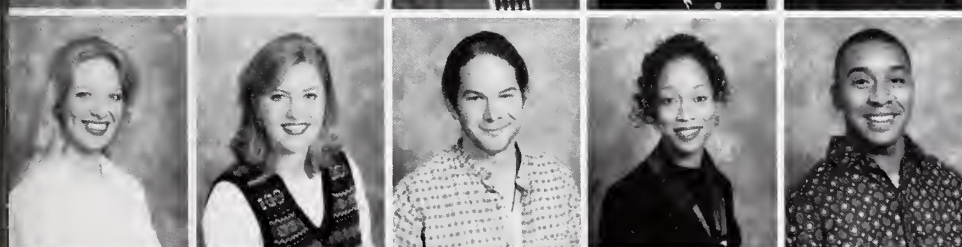
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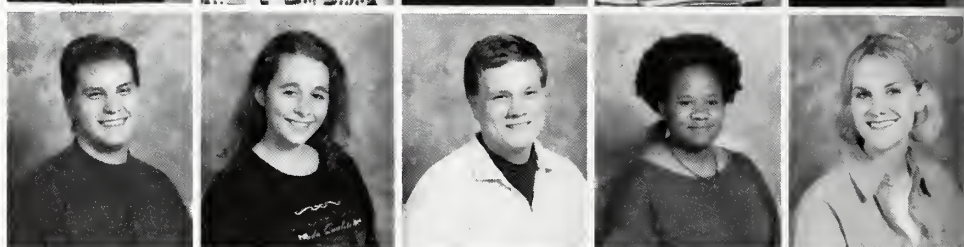
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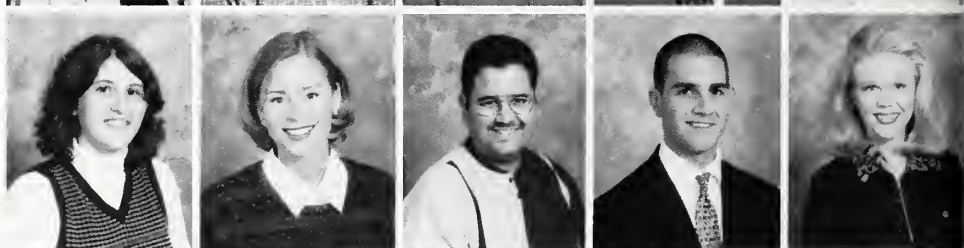
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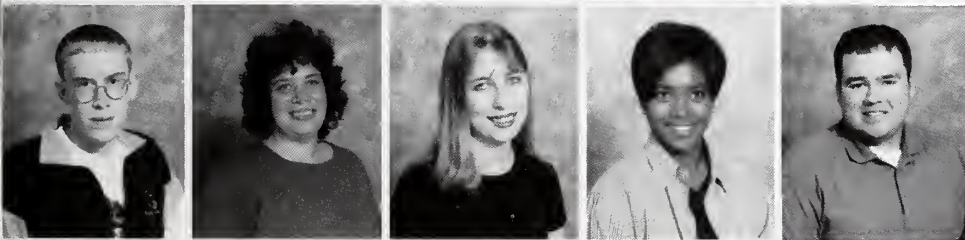
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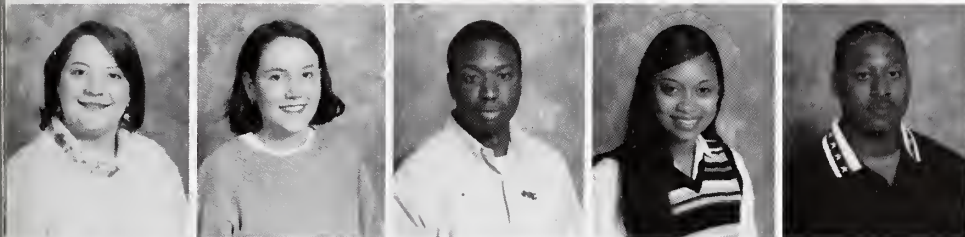
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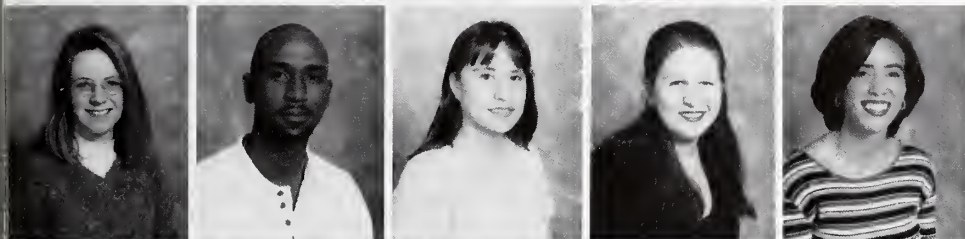
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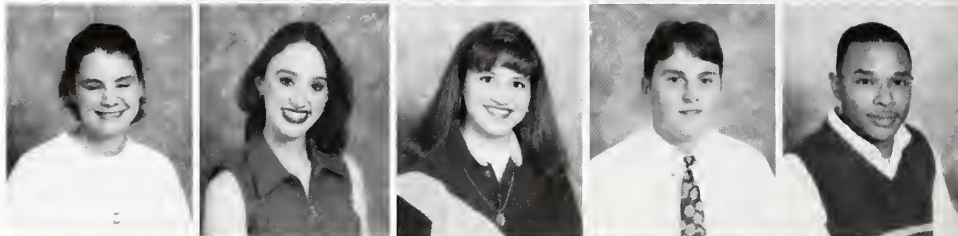
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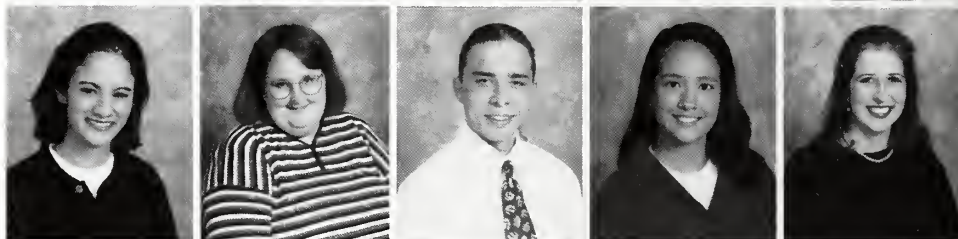
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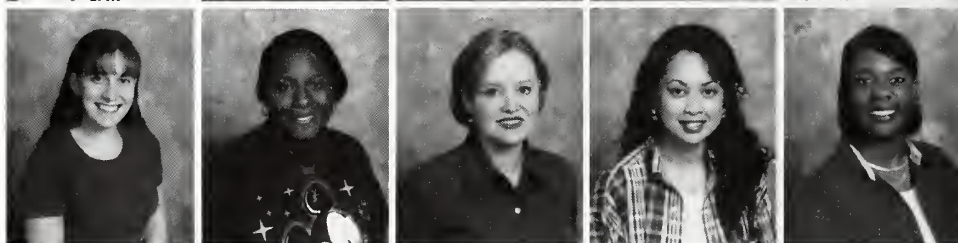
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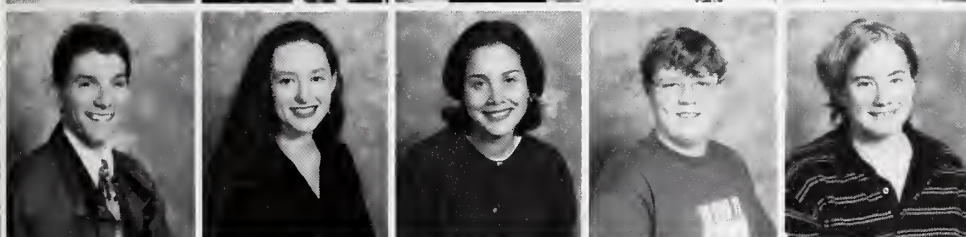
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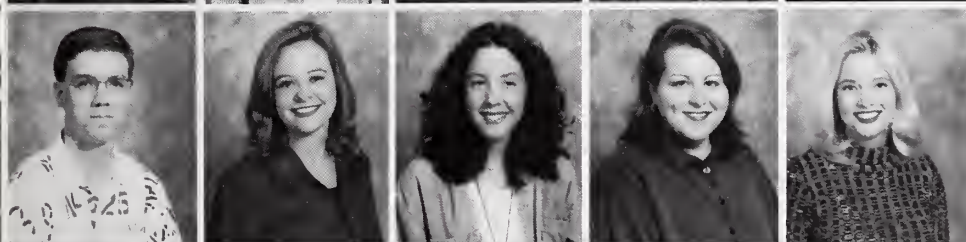
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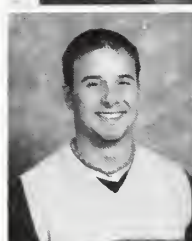
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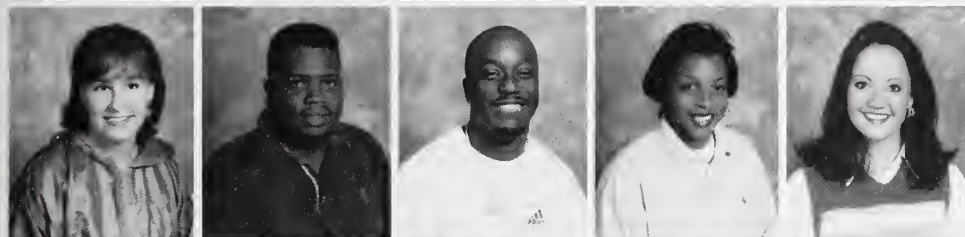
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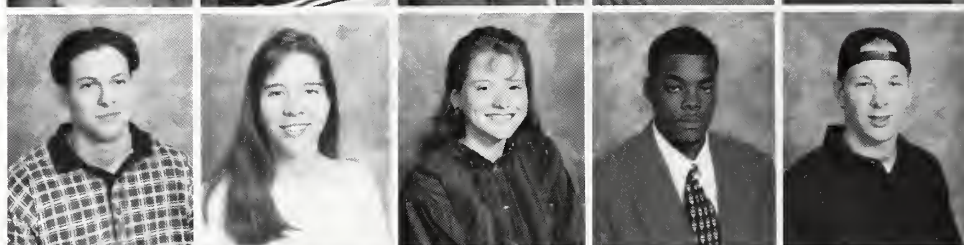
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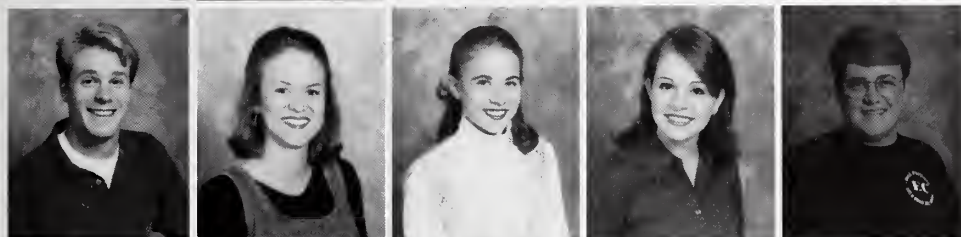
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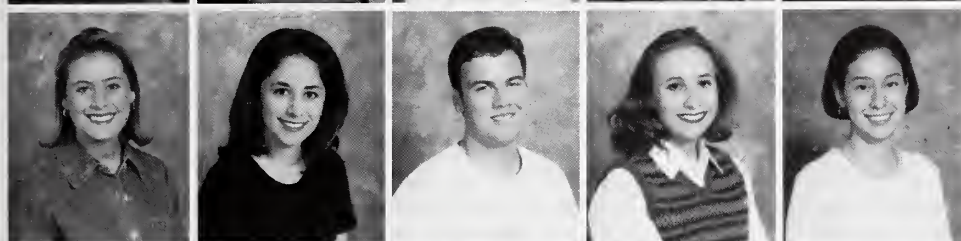
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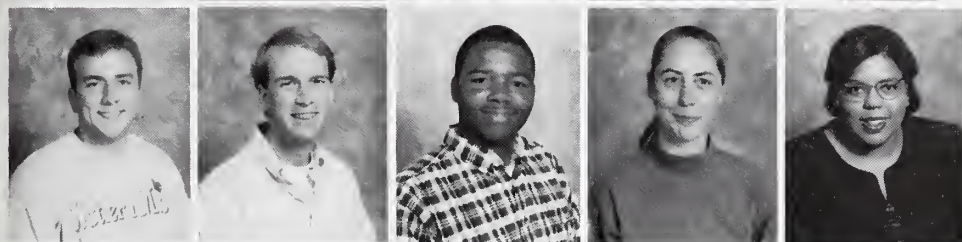
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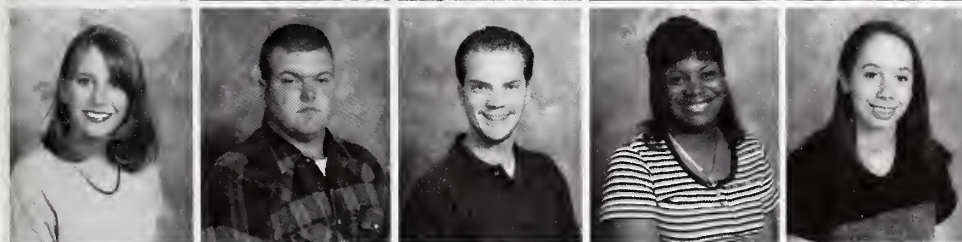
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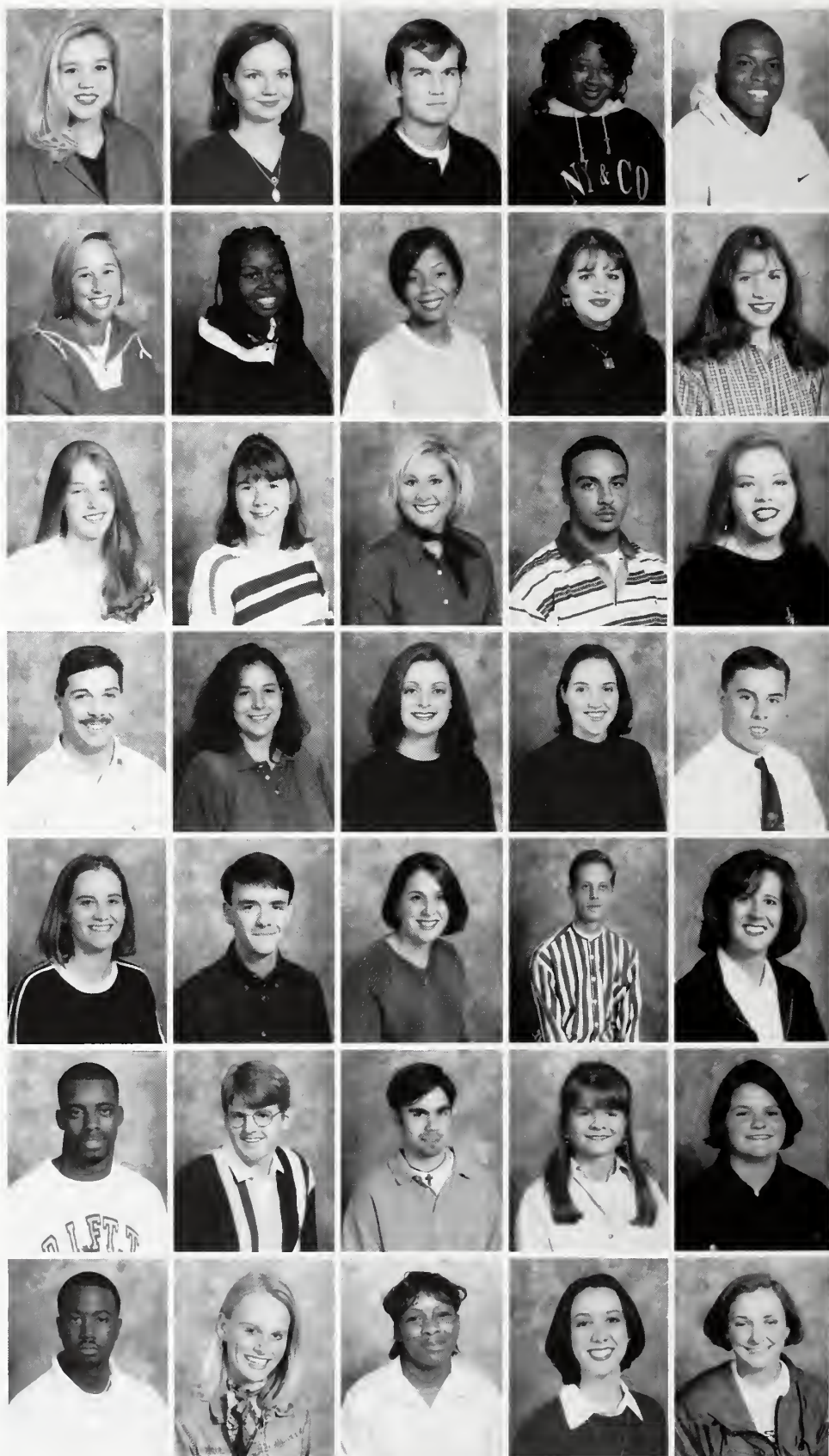
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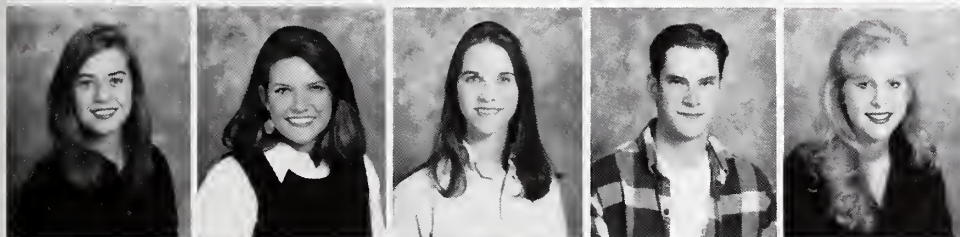
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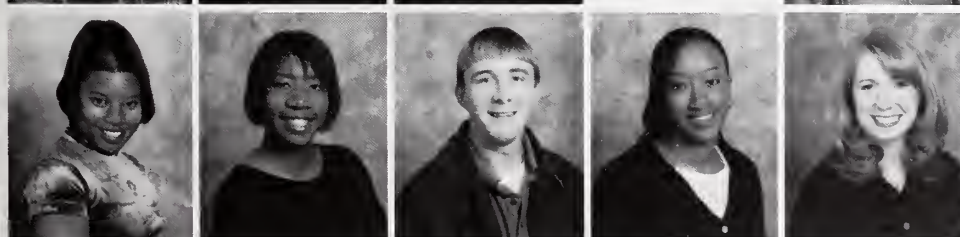
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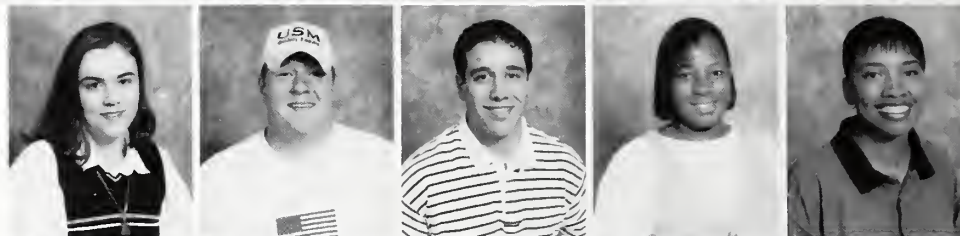
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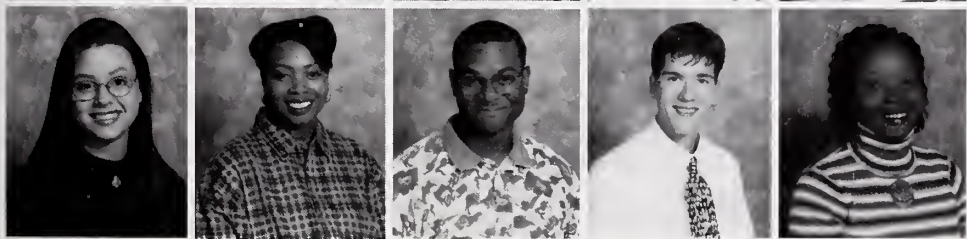
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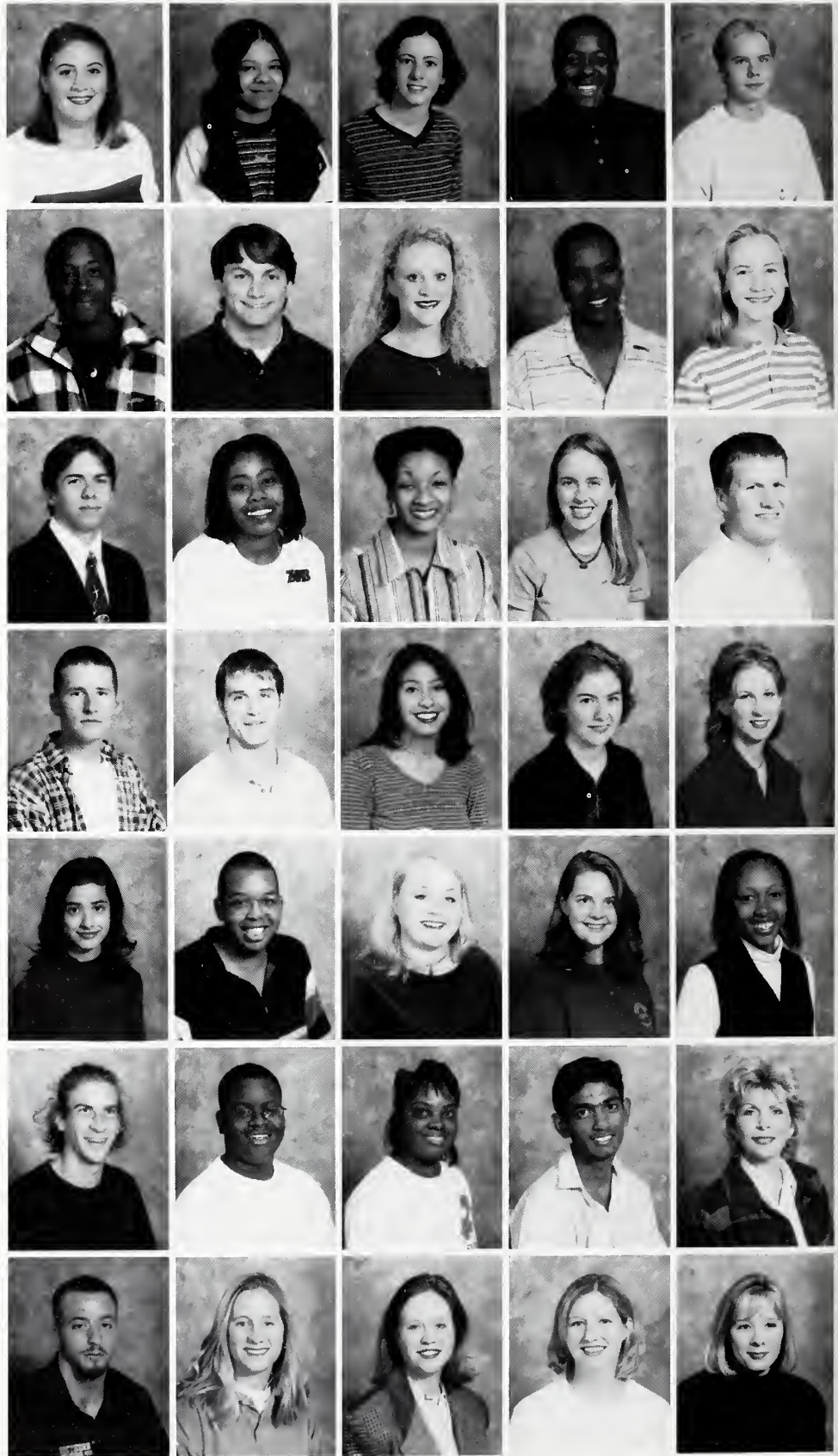
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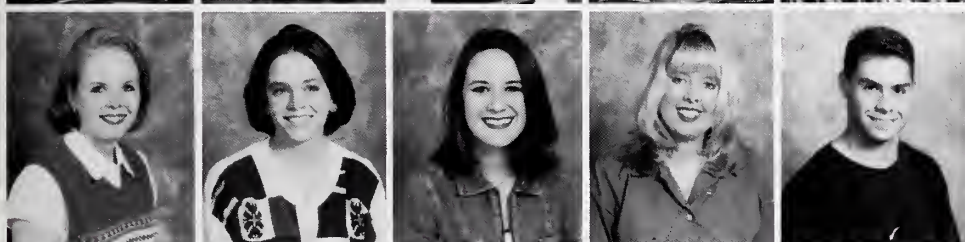
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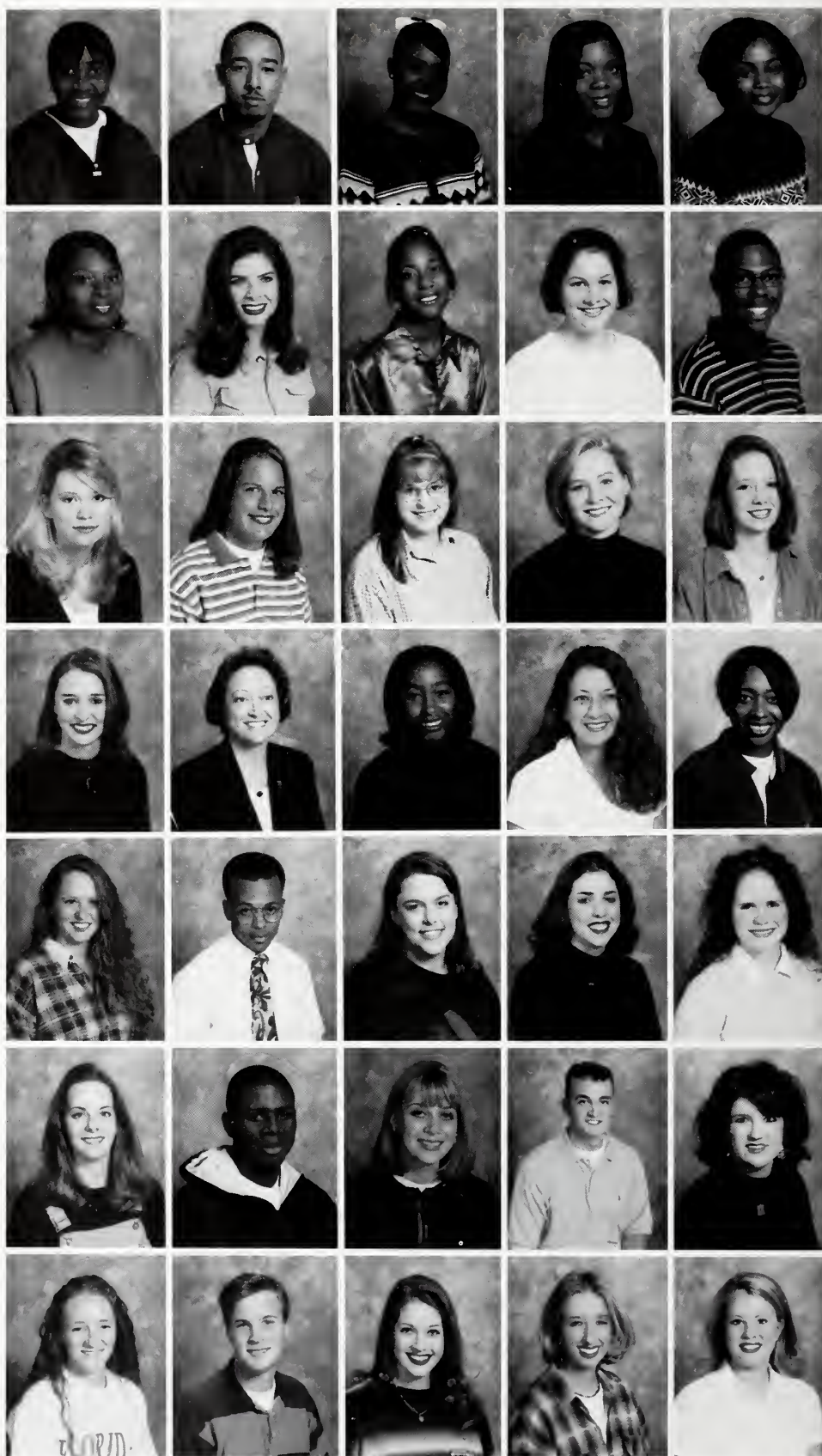
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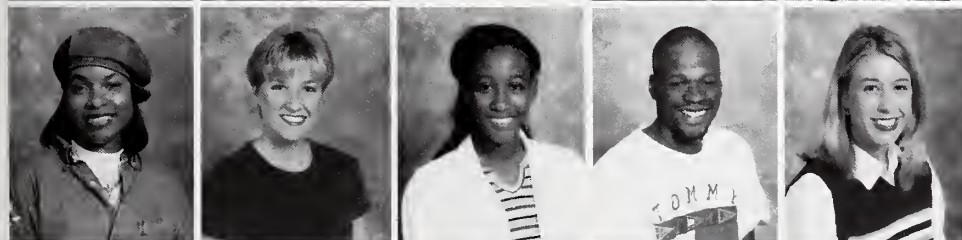
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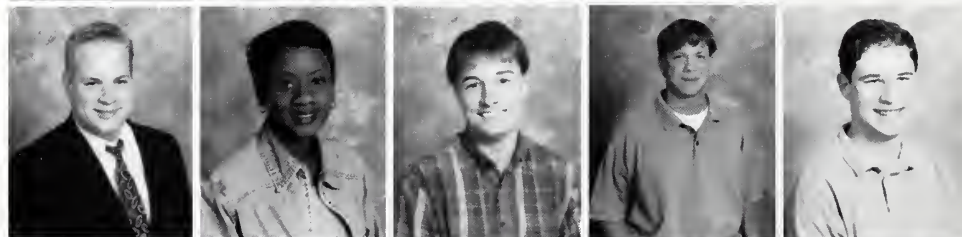
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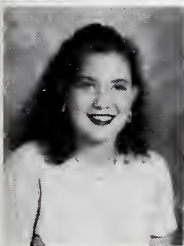
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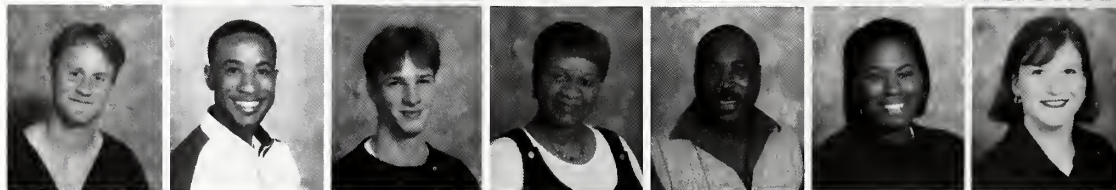
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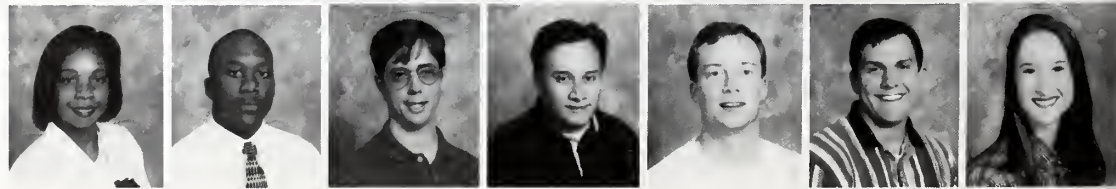
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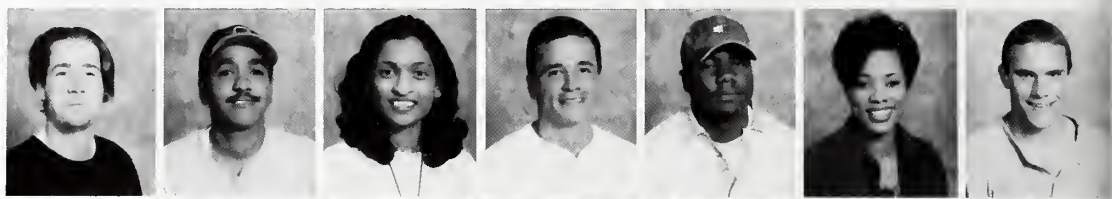
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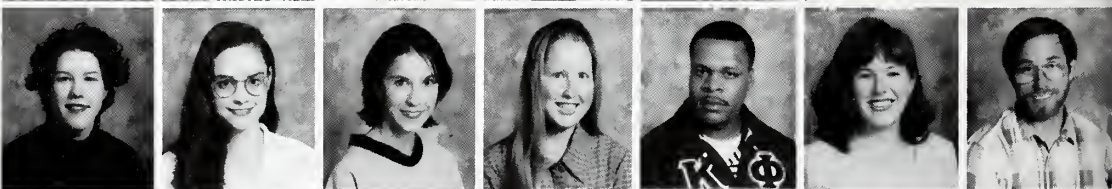
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Michael Snodgrass, Greenville
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Some people enter our lives and are gone in an instant, completely forgotten. Others enter our lives and through a kind word, a helping hand, or shared laughter leave their signatures on our hearts. They are those special people whom we will

Remember

by Rebecca Timmins

USM got more than it bargained for in 1993. They thought that they were only giving their students a Dean of Students and a Director of Greek Life. Instead students got a student advisor, a surrogate father, a clown and a best friend all rolled into what was arguably one of the friendliest smiles on campus.

During his time at USM, Tom Shoemaker worked with others to introduce the traditions of Greekfest and the All Greek Community Service

Social Fraternity's Southern District Governor. Tom was named an honorary member of Golden Key National Honor Society, Order of Omega National Greek Honorary, and was selected for Outstanding Young Men of America.

In 1978, Dr. Tom Shoemaker earned his bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University. He then obtained his masters degree from USM in 1984 and his doctorate in student services administration in 1993 from Oregon State University.

"He did a tremendous amount in a short period of time," said vice president of Student Affairs, Joe Paul.

"Tom will be remembered for a successful restructuring of the Greek system and for boosting student support of athletics by co-founding the Student Spirit Committee."

Members from the African American Student Association, Student Government Association, Greek Life, and other areas of student affairs paid tribute when they united to remember Dr. Tom Shoemaker with a campus-wide candlelight vigil which attracted over 1000 students to the steps of Kennard Washington.

Dr. Tom's life was cut short by an automobile accident on Sept. 1, 1997. He was struck by a motorist while changing a tire in western North Carolina. He and his wife Toni were sightseeing while visiting his parents in Knoxville, TN.

The USM Foundation and the campus community have recently established the Tom Shoemaker Greek Scholarship Fund.

The endowment is being invested by the university. The interest accrued will be awarded to deserving students. The criteria will be determined by Ms. Shoemaker.

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-Brooks Moore, SGA President

Project which helped the Greek System grow in membership, unity and in service to the campus and the community.

"Dr. Shoemaker was dedicated to improving student opportunities and enhancing college," said SGA President Brooks Moore.

"He recognized that the university started with and focused on student development. During his five years with us, he improved every facet of student life."

Dr. Tom Shoemaker was the 1996-97 Southeastern Interfraternity Conference Advisor. He has written numerous articles regarding student affairs which have been published in the *National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Journal* and has served as Phi Kappa Theta Nation



photo submitted by Julie Jorrell

Dr. Tom Shoemaker was the Dean of Students from 1993-1997. During his time at USM, he made incredible contributions to everybody who walked through his doorway. He never turned anyone away, and his unflagging kindness towards others earned him a well-deserved reputation both across the campus and in the community. He will always be remembered as one of our closest friends who went before his time.



photo submitted by Alicia Jackson



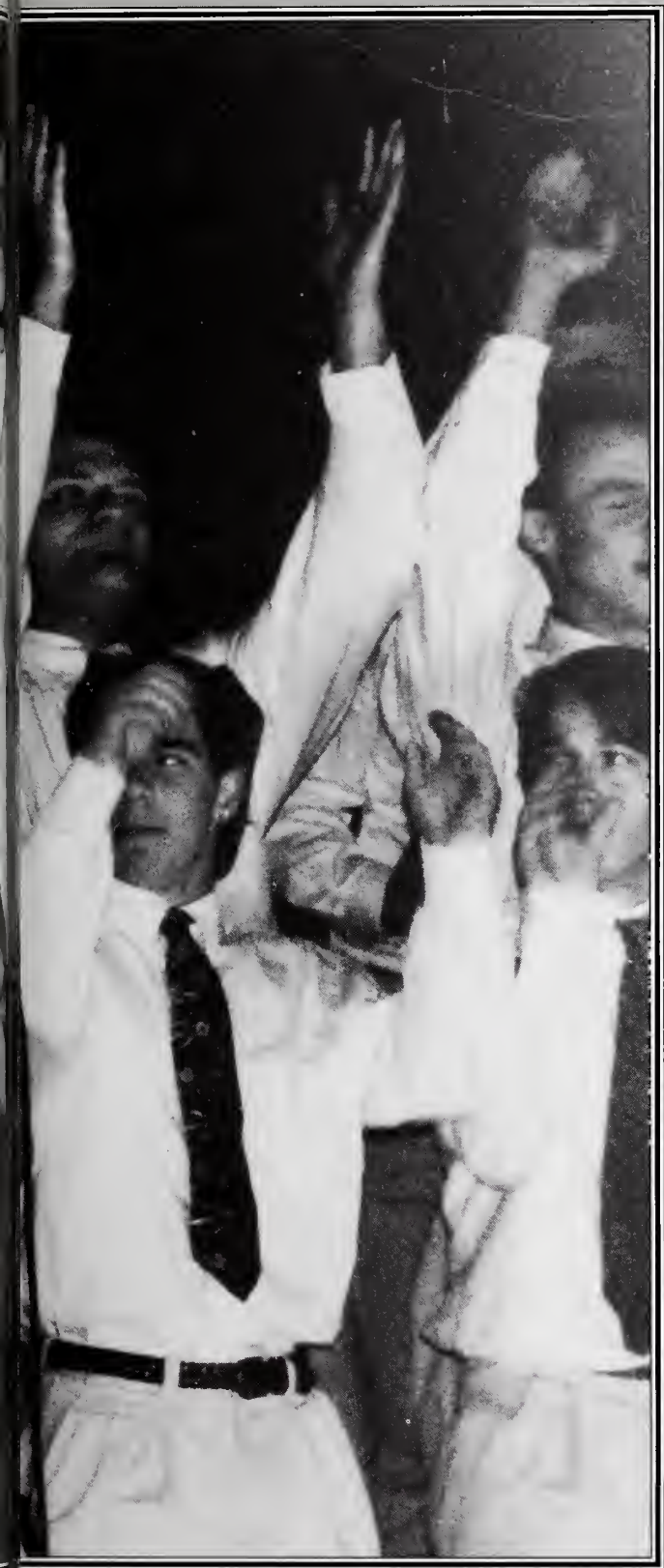
Jason M. Hurd

Dr. Shoemaker always had a habit of incorporating work and play. In the Freshman Quad, Dr. Shoemaker dances the Macarena on a sunny afternoon.

As someone who always took the time for everyone, it was not too big a stretch for Dr. Shoemaker to portray Santa Claus for USM social events. Dr. Shoemaker's kindness and giving nature will be remembered as an example to all of how a little kindness can make a big difference.



Greek Life



Traditions of **CAMARADERIE**

by Alex Burns

The Greek system of USM can be summed up in one word: friendship. The concept of camaraderie is a central part of fraternities and sororities, forming a bond that will last a lifetime. Countless social events provide opportunities to relax and become closer to one's brother or sister. Greeks also participate in many service projects both on campus and in the community.

Being a Greek is not simply about having fun or working on service projects. Rather, it provides balance, allowing Greeks to have the most memorable experiences that one can ever hope for.

Photo by Julie Ragusa

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"It made me feel good knowing that I was helping a worthwhile cause; Camp Blue Bird staying open means that children with cancer have a place to go and have fun even though they are sick."

-Aimee Gautreaux, XΩ.

Fall Events

by Leslie Walker and Kassie Coleman

Every year, thousands of students nationwide dance, sing and cross-dress all in the name of philanthropy. The many children, families and researchers who benefit can never thank these organizations for their hard work and dedication—even if they're having the times of their lives doing it.

Over the summer, Greeks eagerly looked forward to classes, friends and ribbons for being the best in everything from synchronized swimming to harmonious singing. Through their efforts, they raised over \$184,000 for the year.

Aimee Gautreaux, a member of Chi Omega who helped organize Songfest, is happy that the event was such a success this year.

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Songfest has enjoyed a long history as one of the main ways that fraternities and sororities at USM can engage in a little mock ribbing and good natured competition. Other major events include Sigma Chi's Derby Days, Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash, Alpha Phi Alpha's Mandingo Fest, Delta Tau Delta's Cystic Fibrosis Sports Challenge and Kappa Sigma's Parrothead.

In the tradition of Jimmy Buffet's "Margaritaville", Parrothead combined fun and music to raise over \$1500 for the Tom Shoemaker Memorial Fund.

Greeks were busy throughout the semester with Phi Kappa Tau's House of Boos,

Soccer Classic Tournament and Chip Shot, Sigma Gamma Rho's Kids' Day Festival and Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Charity Ball. Some even found time to pose for Phi Mu's "Men of the Year" calender.

In a rare and welcome sense of cooperation, the first annual Mocktoberfest was an overwhelming success. Mocktoberfest challenged all the fraternities and sororities to stay substance-free for a week.

The week kicked off on October 15; Capt. Pete Collins, an Alabama highway patrolman, spoke to students about the dangers of driving under the influence and the importance of highway safety.

The event was sponsored by Domino's pizza and Laser Mania; Domino's provided food and later that night, Laser Mania used donations to provide a reduced price.

On Thursday, Greeks rushed over to the Cloverleaf Movie Theater to see movies for only 50 cents. Friday night they hit the bowling lanes for only two dollars. On Saturday they wrapped things up with an afternoon of "mocktails". Every house on Fraternity Row had a different non-alcoholic drink to feature. Later, everyone headed to the intramural fields to celebrate the annual Reggae Fest, sponsored by UAC.

"With all the tragedies among Greek students this semester, I believe that students need to be made aware of the dangers of alcohol abuse," said Mitzi Nichols, a Chi Omega from Magee. "Hopefully these examples of alternative activities to drinking will show students it is possible to have a good time without grabbing a bottle."



Julie Ragusa



Tonya Robertson and Susan Williams, ΦM, pay tribute to the Village People by performing YMCA at Sigma Chi's Derby Days.

Paddling his way to victory, **Steve Strickland**, ΣAE, stives to succed at a tube race during Delta Gamma's Anchor Spalsh.

Monty Lowe



In the world's most popular sport, the goalie is the last line of defense. At the annual Phi Kappa Tau Soccer Tournament, a goalie takes a flying leap to block a kick and save the play.

Monty Lowe

"The American Heart Association's Heart Walk was a great success due to the tremendous support from the Greek system," said Scott Lanehart, ΣΧ.

Service Projects

by Melissa Fuller

Most people will probably never be able to get the Animal House version of Greek life out of their heads, but hundreds of organizations, families and people just looking for a little help know that compassion and hard work sometimes shows up at your door wearing jeans and a Greek t-shirt.

This year these dedicated students gave time, money and love to not only benefit Mississippi, but the nation.

Some of the local programs include Adopt-a-Highway, Adopt-a-School, the Boys and Girls Club of Hattiesburg, Habitat for Humanity and Toys for Tots.

Members of Kappa Alpha Psi, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta are familiar faces around the local Boys and Girls Club. Zeta Phi Beta also donates to the Stork's Nest Program, which helps provide unwed mothers with clothes and supplies. Pi

Beta Phi has adopted a local school and members of Alpha Phi Alpha mentor children in the community. Also, every year, Delta Delta Delta sponsors "Frats-at-Bat" to benefit local pediatric cancer research.

Pi Kappa Phi uses its visibility to raise awareness of disabled people among college students and promote the importance of community service as part of a well-rounded college education.

Other local efforts are taking place on an almost daily basis. It would be nearly impossible to list the hundreds of blood drives, food and clothes collections and cleanups that sometimes start first thing in the morning and can keep these students busy into the night.

Nationally, some fraternities and sororities have put Hattiesburg on the map as a place where people care enough to give even if they will never see

the people they help. This year alone the Greek community helped raise nearly \$184,000 to benefit children, families in both financial and emotional need and the physically and mentally handicapped.

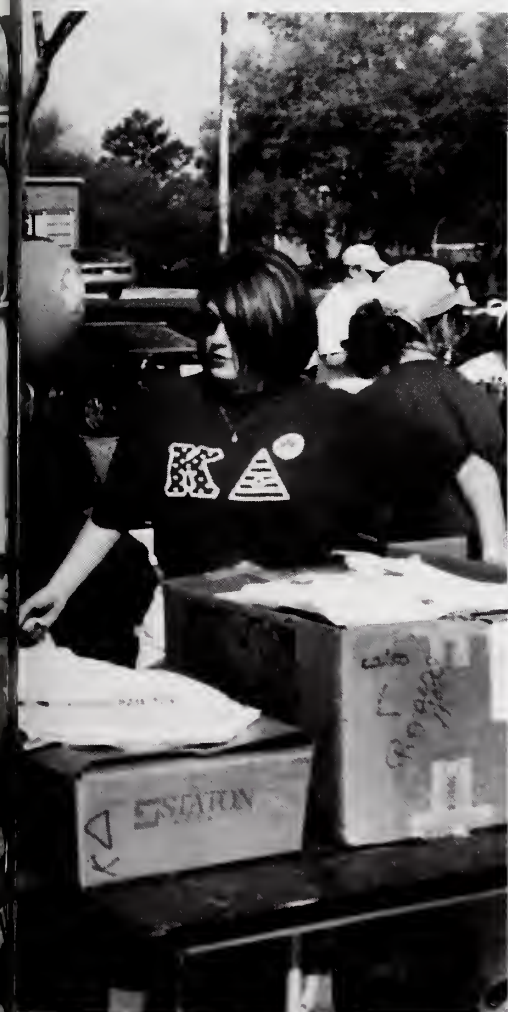
Some of these well-deserving and appreciative organizations include the Children's Miracle Network and the American Heart Association, sponsored by Sigma Chi; the Muscular Dystrophy Association, sponsored by Kappa Alpha; St. Jude's Children's Hospital, sponsored by Sigma Nu; the Ronald McDonald House, sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi; Cystic Fibrosis Association, sponsored by Delta Tau Delta; the Citivan Camp for Mentally Retarded Citizens, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon; the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, sponsored by Kappa Delta and Service for Sight, sponsored by Delta Gamma.





Julie Ragusa

A key event during Sigma Chi's Derby Days was the American Heart Association's Heart Walk. Greeks found people to sponsor them in the Walk to raise money for heart research.



Melaine Duncan



Melaine Duncan

Gretchen Zehender, ΔΓ, and Eric Nimmon, ΑΤΩ, serve drinks and snacks to the children of Pinehaven as part of a community service project.

Members of Kappa Delta wait patiently for the runners to reach the finish line during KΔ's Shamrock run, one of the sorority's most popular and successful fund raisers.

"We were so excited about the participation this year. Arrowspike has grown so much. We are looking forward to an even bigger and better Arrowspike next year."

-Angela McDaniel, ΠΒΦ.

Spring Events

by Leslie Walker

For most people, spring is a time to look forward to longer days, warm nights and Spring Break. For hundreds of Greek students, however, spring will just be a continuation of the goals that were set in the fall.

A part of every fraternity's and sorority's pledge is to help others. This year Greek students managed to balance classes, jobs, student offices and still contribute over 30,000 hours in community service. Nationwide, people are getting the message that being Greek extends beyond hazing and rush. During the spring, Greeks swung bats, served volleys and biked their way to thousands of dollars for cancer research, the prevention of child abuse and feeding the hungry.

Cancer research hit a triple header at USM--Delta Delta Delta's Frats-at-Bat was an overwhelming success again and raised over \$8000 for University Medical Center; Kappa Delta's Shamrock Run also garnered lots of support from the students and raised over \$3000; Sigma Nu 3000 raised over \$3500 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Alpha Tau Omega's thirteenth annual Crawfish Boil is just as much a tradition as it is a success. Over 2000 people gather every year to demolish over 5000 pounds of crawfish and raise money for

the March of Dimes.

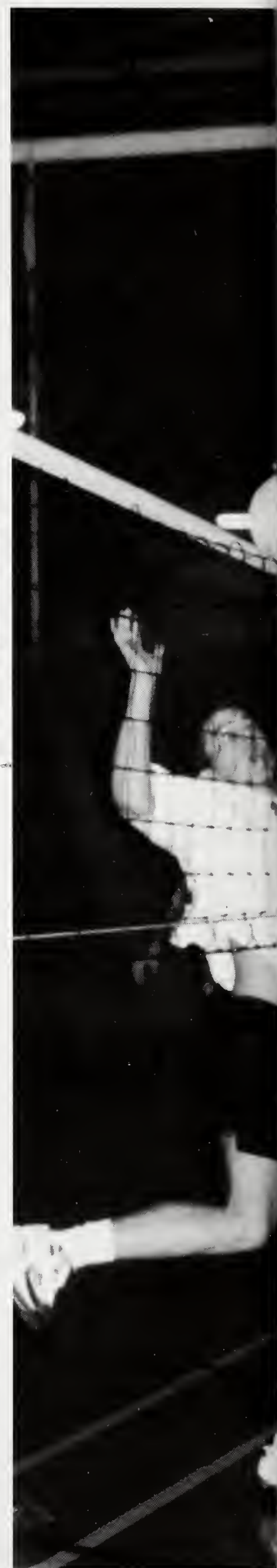
Pi Kappa Phi asked of people the difficult task of not reaching for their wallet, but into their beliefs about the disabled. With their Journey of Hope, ΠΚΦ challenged people's assumptions and also raised awareness about the difficulties encountered by all disabled people, especially students.

Pi Beta Phi's Arrowspike raised money for the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN and Alpha Delta Pi's Penny Drop raised money for the Ronald McDonald House. In addition to donating money, both of these sororities travel to their respective philanthropies to provide hands on service.

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Two organizations devoted a week to philanthropy and also hosted national meetings. Sigma Gamma Rho's Blue and Gold Week benefitted the Helping Hands Mission and Habitat for Humanity. Kappa Week raised money for the Boys and Girls Club of Hattiesburg.

Spring Events also included Pike Powderpuff football and AKA's Man of the Universe.





Josh Suttles, ΦΚΤ, spikes the ball to **Billy Leach**, ΣΑΕ, at the Pi Beta Phi Arrowspike Volleyball tournament.

Members of Kappa Alpha Psi are stepping for success.

Monty Lowe



Jessica Abadie, ΠΒΦ, hits a ground ball against ΚΔ and ΣΑΕ during Delta Delta's Frats at Bat.

Hudley Breckenridge

"Greek Week gave us a chance to put all our differences aside and join together to have a good time," said John Murphy, ΣΦΕ.

Greek Week

by Melissa Fuller

"No matter the letter we are all Greek together," is the simple slogan that unites members of the Greek system at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Each of the Greek organizations were combined into seven teams for the week working together to make the most points. The combination of Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu and Kappa Alpha Psi took the overall Greek Week Team award. Pi Beta Phi won the spirit award for the week. Laura McInnis, ΧΩ, Lee Herrington, ΠΒΦ, and Brooks Moore, ΑΤΩ, received the outstanding Greek male and female awards given out during Greek Fest.

This year Greeks changed the community service event to an all day affair. Each individual did different services for the community, such as reading to children and even painting an elderly woman's house. Greeks

believed that this was a better way to give directly to the community.

Greek Week began on Monday, designated as Black and Gold Day. Greeks dressed in black and gold and signed up for points in front of the Hub.

Tuesday consisted of lunch together with your team in the bottom of the commons where food was donated from Seymour's. Greeks also participated in a new event, Team Showcase. This promoted Greek togetherness. Each team was given a different topic to perform such as "Greeks at a football game" or "Greeks at a basketball game". Team four won this event performing "Greeks during rush".

On Wednesday, Pi Beta Phi sponsored a simulated drunk driving accident where students learned how a drunk driving incident can effect so many lives.

"This was a powerful program that needs to be repeated every year," said Nichole Walker, ΔΔΔ who,

accompanied by Trey Truitt, ΣΧ, portrayed the college students in the skit.

On Friday Greeks supported the USM baseball team playing against Memphis. All joined at the baseball field for food and fun. Following the game, Greeks participated in Greek God and Goddess where Sean Smith, ΦΚΤ, and Melissa Cahill, ΑΔΠ, were crowned as royalty.

The final event of the week was Greek Fest. Almost 400 rushees came to visit the campus and learn about USM and the Greek system. Attendees participated in the dizzy bat race, egg toss, and water balloon throw. The rushees were allowed to socialize with fraternity and sorority members before the formal process of rush. Greeks believe that this event encourages future USM students to participate in rush and enlightens them on life as a Greek.

"Greek Week gave us a chance to put all our differences aside and join together to have a good time," said John Murphy, ΣΦΕ.





Bridget Yost

Team four, ΠΒΦ, ΣΑΕ, ΣΝ, and ΚΑΨ, gather together in celebration of their sweeping victory over the other six teams during Greek Fest.



Hadley Breckenridge



Hadley Breckenridge

Parker Inabnet, ΑΤΩ, and **Holly Myers**, ΦΜ, show off their attire specially created for the Greek God Goddess competition during Greek Week.

Members of Delta Gamma cheer on their sorority sister during Greek God and Goddess. **Sean Smith** and **Melissa Cahill** were the Greeks who were appointed to the coveted position of royalty.

Andrea Addy
Anne Argus
Cara Bates
Caren Cafiero
Melissa Cahill



Stacey Cheek
Catherine Childress
Emily Coker
Amanda Collier
Heather Coleman



Emily Cooper
Melanie Corley
Kandace Couch
Alisa Dougherty
Jennifer Edwards



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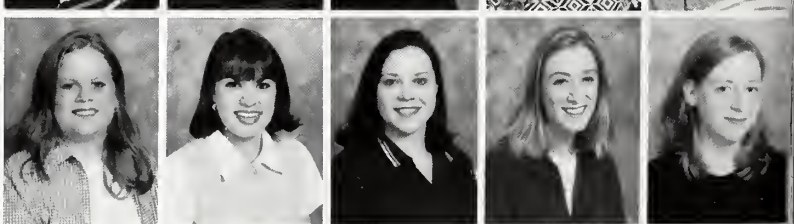
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Jamie Lattanzi
Lauren Lightfoot
Vanya Lowry
Jessica Lovelace





Michelle
Manley
Jennifer
Mauritz



Erin
McCabe
Bonnie
Mezzanares



Jeannine
Montreuil
Jennifer
Myers



Holly
Nelson
Frances
Nichols

The women of Alpha Delta Pi pride themselves on their commitment
to community, **Alpha Delta Pi** sisterhood,
and scholarship. by Katie Shurtleff

Alpha Delta Pi is not just a ritual that bonds members together, but a way of life for the Eta Zeta chapter. Founded in 1851 in Macon, Georgia, AΔΠ was the first secret society in the world for college women.

AΔΠ excels in scholarship, leadership and sisterhood. Members are involved in numerous campus organizations. Eta Zeta has leaders in Golden Key, Golden Girls, SGA senators, Baptist Student Union, Student Alumni Association, Who's Who and many others. All members participate in at least two campus organizations.

The ladies of Eta Zeta proudly support the Ronald McDonald House, their national philanthropy. AΔΠ is internationally committed to over 170

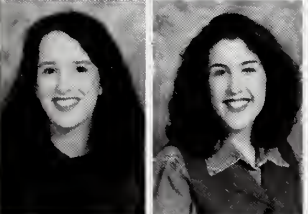
houses. Members volunteer at Ronald McDonald houses in Jackson and New Orleans several times each semester. Each year during Greek Week Eta Zeta sponsors an annual campus-wide penny drop to benefit the local houses. Their most recent efforts raised over \$3000 for this worthy cause.

"Volunteering at the Ronald McDonald house has changed my life; it has made me see how I can make a difference in someone's life," said philanthropy chairman Beth White.

"The sisterhood of AΔΠ is definitely our strongest asset. All of our members share a special bond and with the love and support of each other we can accomplish anything," said president Angela Scovel.



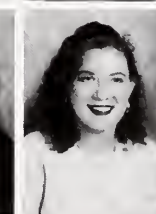
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Angela Scovel
Kelly Seale
Kelly Sherlock
Katie Shurtleff
Vanessa Strahan
Nancy Stewart



Joan Skipper
Ginny Smith
Melissa Spera
Meisha Steele
Sherri Thomas
Rebecca Timmins
Aimee Vairin
Shaundi Wall



Elizabeth White
Ashley Willet
Nancy Wilson
Amanda Young
Ashley Young
Angela Zender

*After 89 years of dedicated service, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.,
established for Alpha Kappa Alpha serving all
mankind, remains an active participant in the community.*
by Tenille Stubbs

Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest Greek-letter organization for Black college women in America. AKA's roots date back to 1908 at Howard University in Washington, DC. There Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of St. Louis, MO founded the sorority. She viewed the sorority as an instrument for enriching the social and intellectual aspects of college life by providing mental stimulation through interaction with friends and associates. Through the years, AKA has become much more.

The Iota Kappa chapter of AKA was founded in April, 1975, by Shirley Green Mays, Jeruthia Smith and Constance Mathis. These three graduate students, members of the Theta Sigma Omega chapter of AKA, had a dream of beginning an undergraduate chapter. The inaugural year

saw thirteen hardworking young women face the challenge and set the standards for future chapters.

After becoming an incorporated body in 1913, AKA has branched out and helped improve the social and economic conditions in cities, states, the nation and the world. The tradition is continuing to grow through a nucleus of more than 140,000 women in over 860 chapters.

The Iota Kappa chapter is heavily involved in campus and community activities.

"Being a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha has become one of the most influential aspects of my college career. I have had the chance to participate in community activities and become more involved on campus," said Julie Griffith.

Jacqueline
Anderson



Melanie
Baker



Gerry
Blake

Dalphy
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Lisa
Bowie

Lazaire
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Katoya
Brown

Kandace
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Tremetrica Crosby
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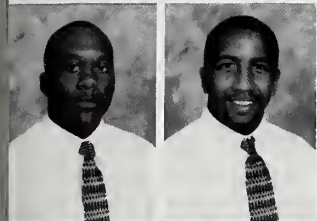
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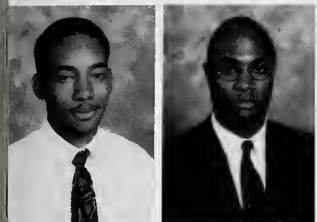
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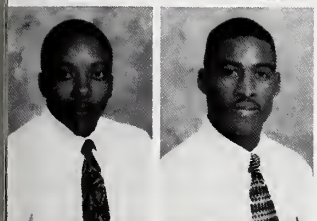
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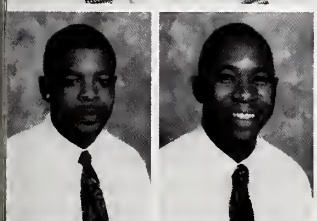
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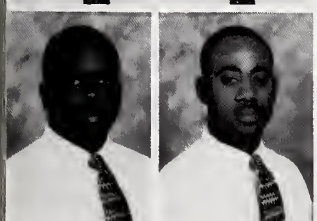
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Roderick Williams
Alvis Wright II

They are most visible for their step shows, but the gentlemen of Alpha Phi Alpha Alpha Phi maintain an even stronger presence in the community.

by Reggie Taylor

The symbols and letters associated with the Greek community have baffled many. However, for the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha, incorporated, it is explained by the three "Ss"--scholarship, service and social.

When it comes to scholarship, the members of the Mu Xi chapter rank at the top of the class. AΦA has one of the top GPAs among the fraternities on campus. Various members have been inducted into Order of Omega and have made the Dean's List. This year they received the AASO award for maintaining their grades and illustrating scholarship among their colleagues.

Service remains important to the brothers as well. AΦA cosponsored a voter registration day to help overcome voter apathy. They also sponsored "A Day in the Park with Youth," where members mentored lo-

cal children. Some members worked with V.I.S.I.O.N. to collect money, clothes and canned goods during Thanksgiving.

AΦA takes their fun as seriously as they do their work. They unwound at Mississippi State's Alpha Fest, where they won first place fraternity, and Mandingoe Fest, here at USM, which included community service, a step show and parties.

"Our social events are full of excitement because we relieve the stresses of the week and meet students from all over campus," said senior Edderick Cole.

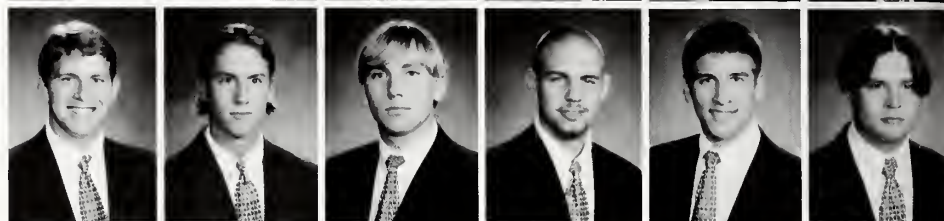
With all their extra curricular activities, AΦA has not lost their vision. "Scholarship, manly deeds and love for all mankind--we concentrate on each other equally," said president Jason Blowe.

By focusing on these goals, the members achieved yet another "S"--success.

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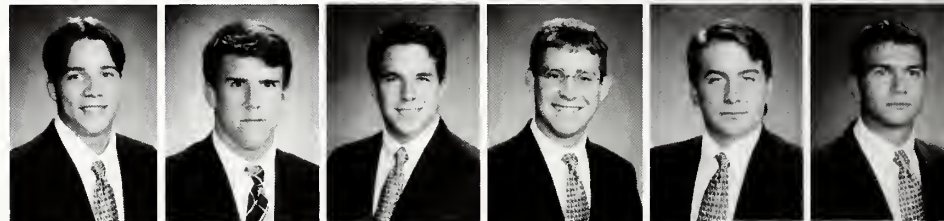
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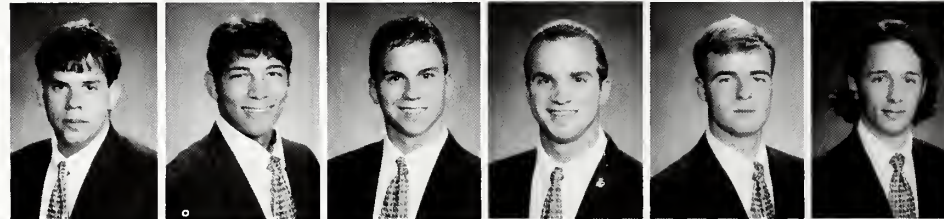
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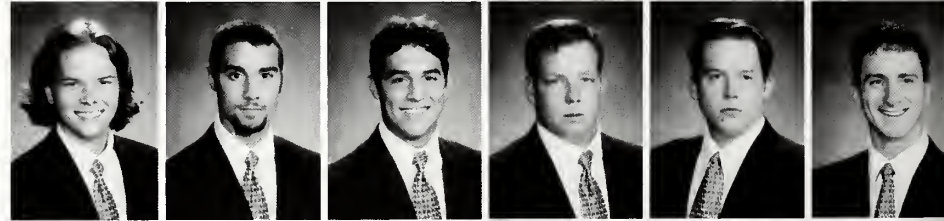
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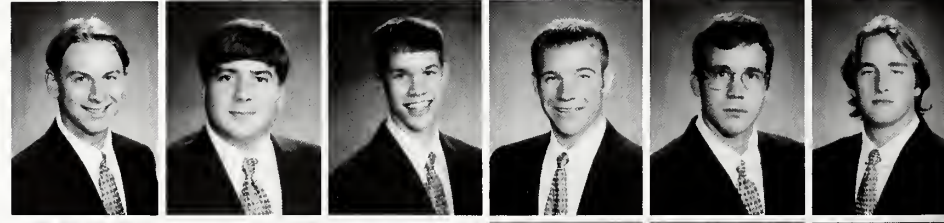
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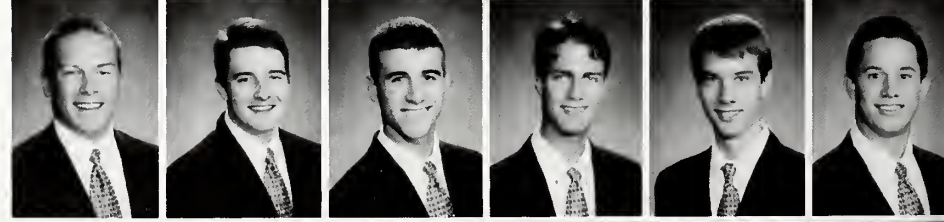
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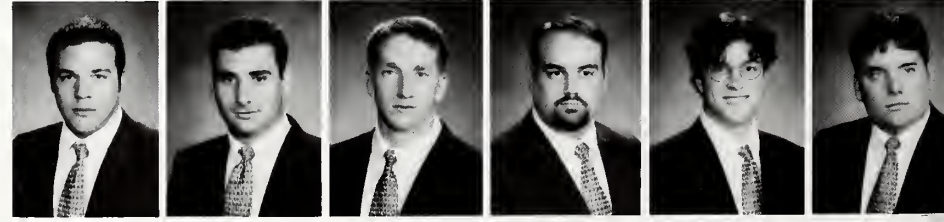
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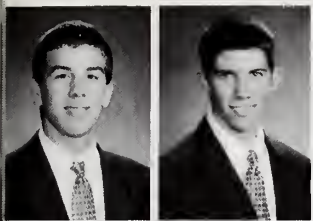


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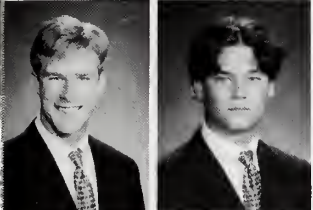




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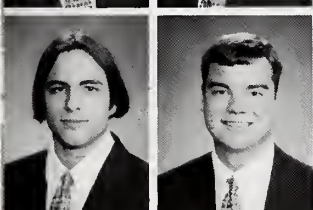
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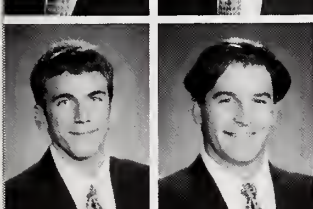
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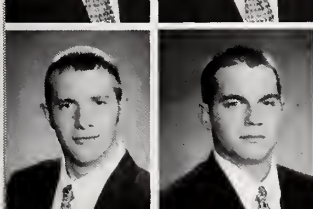
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The men of Alpha Tau Omega make giving back to the community
their number *Alpha Tau Omega* one goal,
and they reach that goal year after year with successful events.

by Leslie Walker

Alpha Tau Omega prides itself as being a very selective fraternity. After selecting the chosen few, ATΩ molds these young men into leaders through the positive aspects of scholarship, service and brotherhood.

The USM chapter of ATΩ is one of the best in the nation and over 80 men balance the requirements of keeping a minimum GPA and joining at least two other campus organizations.

ATΩ's national philanthropy is the Citivan Camp for Retardation and Special Olympics. They are also involved in YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club of Hattiesburg.

When not raising money or leading various organizations on campus ATΩs throw some of the best parties on

frat row. The Grinch Christmas party and Christmas formal in the fall, as well as the Valentine's Day party, Viking party and the Crawfish Boil in the spring, are the stuff of legends.

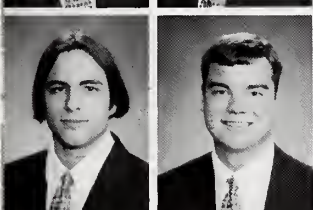
This year, ATΩ constructed a haunted house in order to raise money for the Dr. Tom Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship fund.

"We were looking for a fall fundraiser and we have always wanted to build a haunted house," said president Troy Odom.

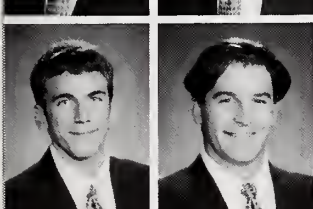
The haunted house provided two nights of chills and thrills; netting over \$2000 for the fraternity. Pinehaven and Special Olympic children got sneak peeks. Other Greeks contributed raw materials and refreshments.



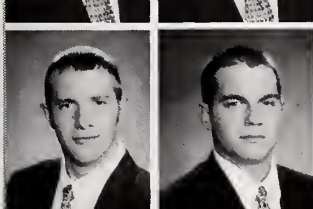
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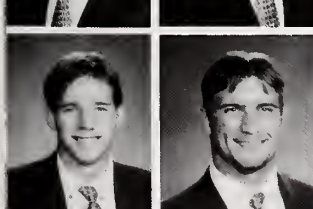
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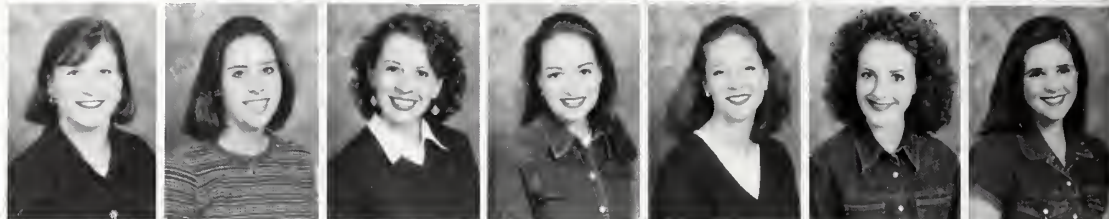
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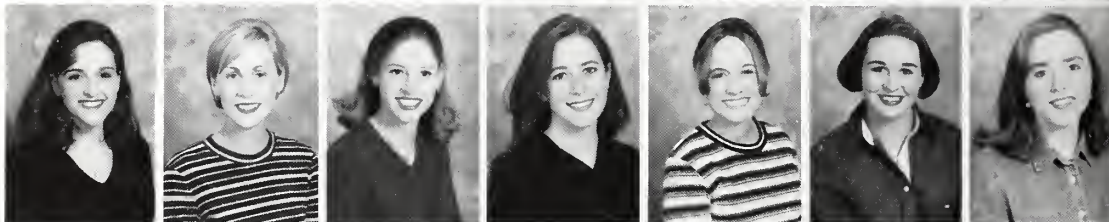
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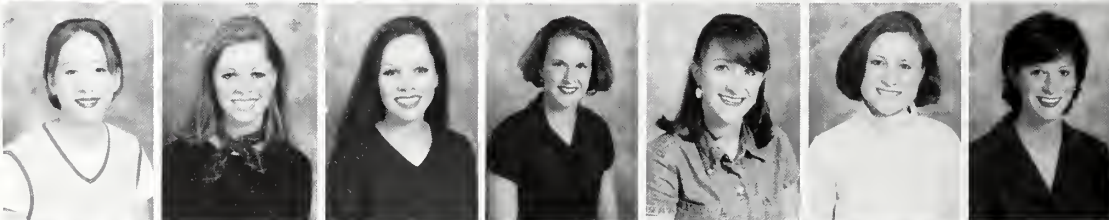
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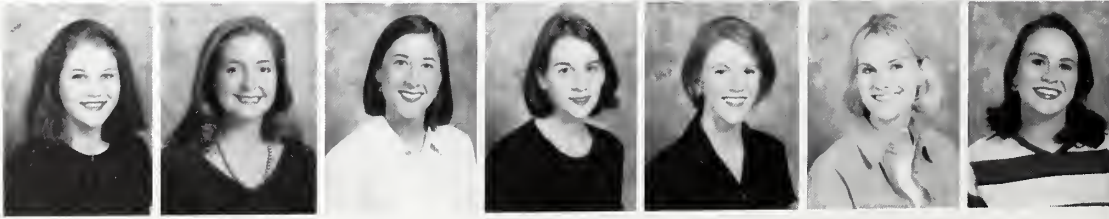
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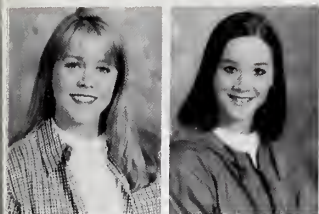


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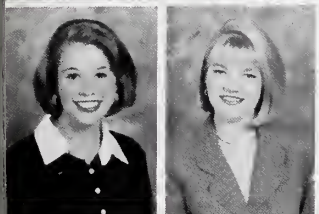
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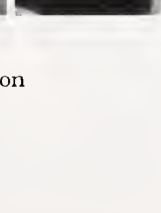
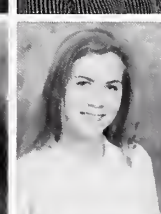
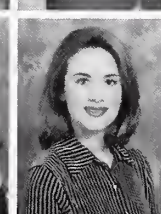
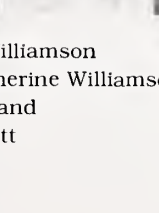
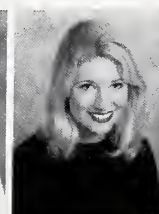
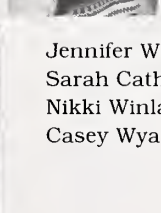
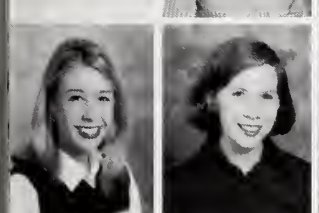
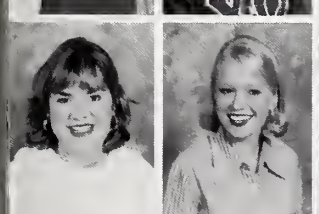
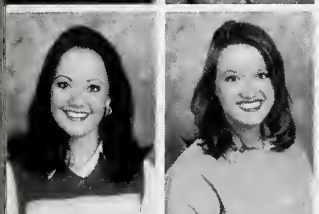
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A variety of fundraisers, ranging from social outings
to chorale concerts, *Chi Omega* allow the ladies of Chi
Omega to give something back to the community.

by Kim Ball

Chi Omega began the 1997 school year with enthusiasm and a great outlook on the events of the year. The ladies of XΩ had a busy fall semester filled with exciting new challenges and great accomplishments. During USM's largest formal rush ever these girls came together as a sisterhood and worked hard all week long. On Bid Day they welcomed 45 new pledges with enthusiastic attitudes and smiling faces. That was a great day for XΩ which now has a chapter of 118 women.

During the month of October, XΩ had their Blind Date Party, Sisterhood Retreat, participated in Homecoming, and Miss USM elections. They then went on a sisterhood retreat to Memphis, Tennessee to visit their National Headquarters on October 18th. This day brought exciting moments for these sisters sharing a great history of

what XΩ means to each one of them. During Homecoming, XΩ was represented on the court by two outstanding young women, Angela Barnes and Laura McInnis. Laura McInnis was also elected Miss USM by the student body. Laura stated, "I am honored to represent USM this year as Miss USM, and I will miss the university in the years to come."

In December, the ladies of Epsilon Delta chapter host their annual philanthropy, Songfest. This year's donations were the largest ever raised by XΩ; a total of \$4000 was donated to benefit Camp Bluebird. Following initiation of new pledges in January, the ladies of XΩ participated in a number of philanthropies that benefited both USM and the local community. This year has proven to be one of the best ever for the Epsilon Delta chapter of Chi Omega.

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Brooke Revette
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Amanda Riso

Tara Rogers
Leslie Rose
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Robin Rusk
Karen Ryals
Holly Ryan

Sara Sadler
Michelle Simmons
Elizabeth Spadafora
Heather Stamper
Charlotte Stone
Sherri Swager
Misty Summer

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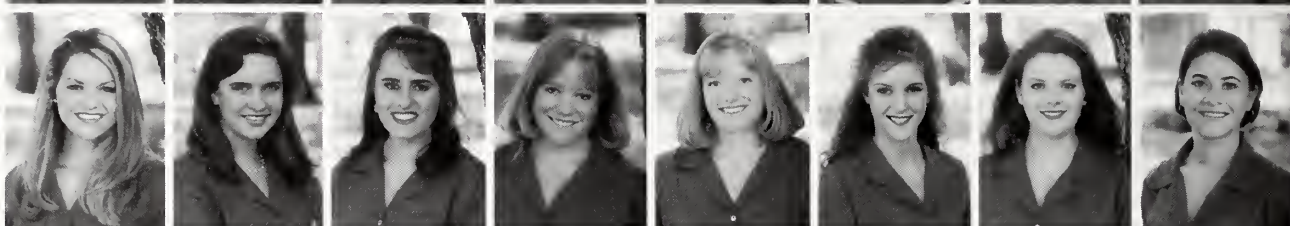
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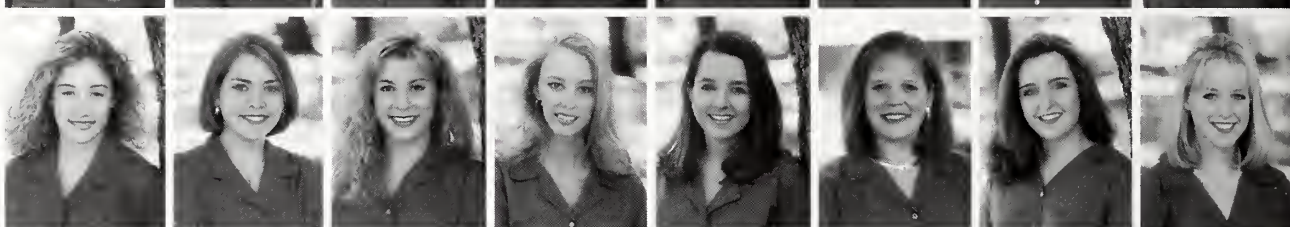
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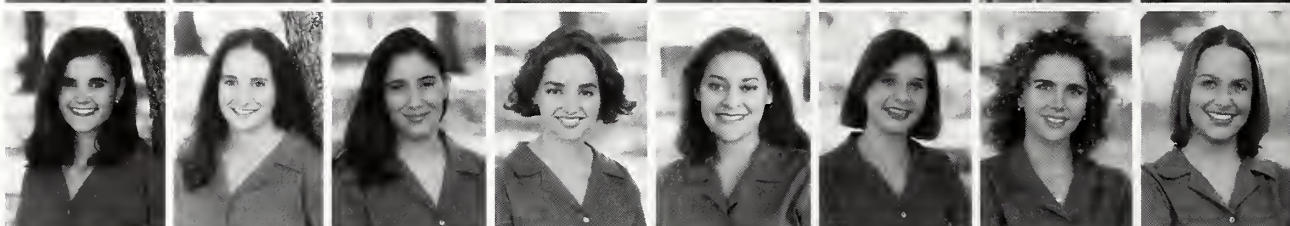
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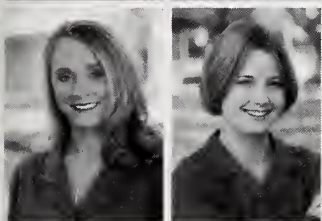
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The ladies in the Phi Epsilon chapter of Delta Delta Delta
strive to **Delta Delta Delta** *dedicate*
their time, their efforts and themselves to excellence

by Sabrina Miller

The ladies of the Phi Epsilon chapter of Delta Delta Delta had another excellent year at the University of Southern Mississippi. Presently, the roll consists of 115 members.

This year Tri Delta raised \$8,000 for children's cancer research at the University Medical Center in Jackson, MS. They did this through the efforts of the entire chapter as well as most of the men's and women's Greek organizations and several outside sponsor with their annual softball tournament "Frats-at-Bat." All proceeds from this event go to UMC.

Another area Tri Delta has excelled in has been academics. Tri Delta has the highest new member GPA and the highest active GPA. For the sixth straight year they claimed the Aubrey K.

Lucas award; the highest award possible for any Greek chapter at USM. Tri Delta takes great pride in this accomplishment and will continue to reach for the top in the area of academics.

Outside of the classroom Tri Delta is very active in the community as well as on the campus.

In the end, when all is said and done, deep in the heart of each member of Delta Delta Delta lies a feeling of satisfaction in knowing that they gave their all and did their best. The standards and purpose of Tri Delta are the rules the members live by and by doing these things their character is not only strengthened, but life's lessons are learned. They are a stronger family of sisters because of their bonds.



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Shelly Reeves
Lori Riegle
Rachel Rogers
Gretchen Roth



Liesa Ruse
Jeanna Runnels
Mandy Runnels
Julie Rushing
Kristin Scarle
Sara Scarle
Aimee Scott



Amy Scott
Michelle Seall
Samantha Simmons
Shay Singley
Catherine Smith
Marcie Smith
Michelle Snow



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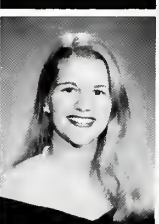
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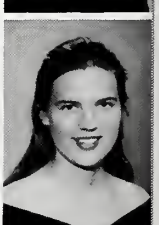
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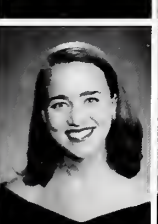
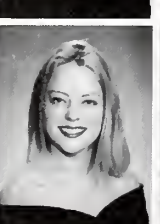
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Shelly Pennington
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Susan
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Hailey
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Rebecca
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Kelly
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Kerri
Provenza



Michelle
Punchner



Melissa
Quigley

Winning is n't everything with the ladies of Delta Gamma.
Service has **Delta Gamma** also encouraged
their chapter to grow to one of the largest on USM's campus.

by Marcia Traylor

Delta Gamma began the fall semester with forty-four new women who had eagerly vied for the privilege of calling themselves "Dee Gees". The new and old members shared in fun, laughter and bonding before the whirlwind of exams, jobs, community service projects and the occasional well-earned party.

ΔΓ won first place in Sigma Chi's chorus line dance competition at Derby Days. At Chi Omega's Songfest these bronze, pink and blue ladies grabbed first place in their individual competition and overall for the fourth year in the row. Exam week brought the annual Christmas Bash.

Armed with the simple motto of "Do Good," ΔΓs are busy throughout

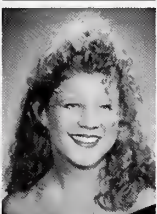
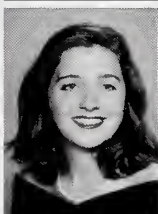
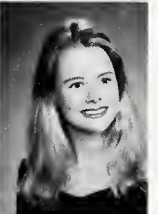
Hattiesburg in schools, hospitals and cleanups around the community. They also support Service for Sight, a national organization benefitting the blind and visually impaired.

Foundation chairperson Natalie Kramer said, "It is an honor to lead a strong chapter in continuing its tradition of philanthropy and community service. Having an opportunity to better someone's life through volunteer work is very fulfilling."

Spring brought Anchor Splash and a chance to raise money for their philanthropy. Various fraternities and sororities competed in water games to raise money. In previous years, Delta Gamma has raised as much as \$4,000.



Susan Raley
Sheri Randolph
Ginny Rayborn
Jennifer Reeder
Mimi Rivere
Sarah Rogan
April Rotn



Stephanie Williams
Joanne Wimprine
Lee Wright



*The men of Delta Tau Delta have a strong dedication to community **Delta Tau Delta** service and a strong aspiration to to achieve academic superiority.*

by Anthony Mendoza

Since their chartering on April 13, 1986, the Zeta Chi chapter of Delta Tau Delta has been committed to lives of excellence through campus relations, community service and high academic standards.

In October 1997, they held a shelter dedication for their new shelter located on Fraternity Row. At their annual Cystic Fibrosis Sports Challenge the Delts raised \$6,200, bringing their total contribution to over \$80,000.

At the Delta Tau Delta Regional Division Conference, the Delts received numerous awards for their achievements, placing them among the top 20 international chapters.

They also received the fraternity's highest award, the Hugh Shield's Award, for being among the top 10 international chapters. In the past twelve years, the Zeta Chi chapter of Delta Tau Delta has received the award six times.

"It seems like anywhere we go, other delts know about the Zeta Chi chapter. We are always being asked how we do what we do," said senior Jason Hurd, secretary for the fraternity.

The delts have high goals and aspirations-- academic excellence, helping in the fight against cystic fibrosis and continuing to grow and contribute to USM.

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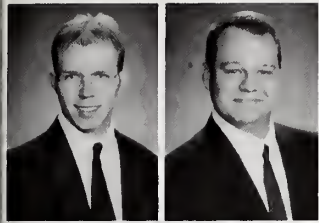


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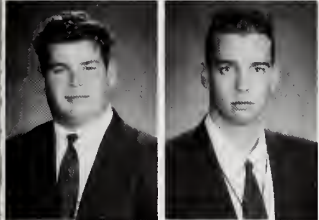




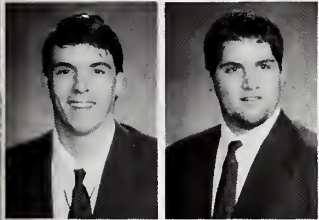
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*The knights of Kappa Alpha are steadily working
toward social **Kappa Alpha** improvements and
good community and campus relations.*

by Adam Smith

The men of the Gamma Zeta chapter of Kappa Alpha seek to create a lifetime experience which centers on reverence to God, duty, honor, character and gentlemanly conduct.

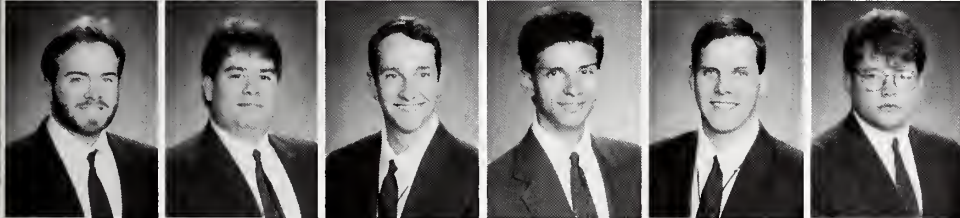
The knights of the Kappa Alpha Order are only chosen if their conduct reflects the chivalrous code of competition, a spirit of enterprise, a passion for adventure, and an eagerness to aid the distressed and needy.

Each year KA raises approximately \$130,00 to \$150,000 as a national organization for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Over \$1.5 million has been raised to date. While the MDA is their national philanthropy, these knights of the Hub City are always eager to help with other community service projects. Building playgrounds for

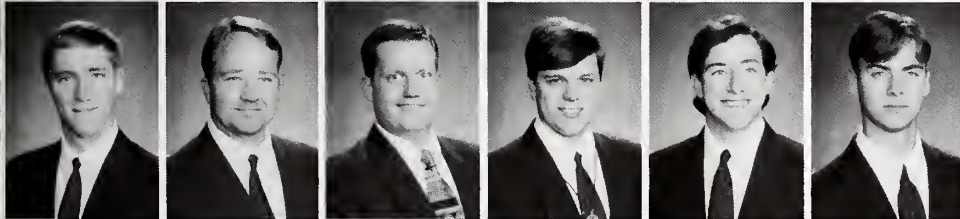
children and helping the elderly with garage sales at Wesley Manor are but a few of the services that the members perform throughout the year.

President Michael Dussouy is pleased with the reputation KA has established. "I'm proud to be the president of a chapter that strives to succeed in rush, philanthropy services and all other phases of the fraternity system."

The men of KA take Roy Parson's quote to heart and try to live their lives accordingly. "Sir, you are not just another fraternity man. You are a knight--not by accident, but by device. From the most noble qualities you are a KA and cannot do less than aspire to excellence. You will never grow taller than when you stoop to help a brother. And you cannot desert him when others do."



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Jay Yarbrough
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*The gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Psi dedicate themselves
to high **Kappa Alpha Psi** achievements
in all aspects of life, from academics to philanthropy*

copy submitted by KAΨ

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was founded on January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University. The campus' Kappa Iota chapter was founded on October 10, 1980. Choosing achievement as their main goal, "the Nupes" strive for achievement in every facet of university life. Currently, there are nineteen active members.

During 1997-1998, KAΨ held several events to raise money; such as Kappa Week and a Gentlemen's Quarterly. KAΨ also works closely with the Pine Belt Boy's and Girl's Club of Hattiesburg. The fraternity also helps to sponsor a child to attend Kappa Kamp every summer at Piney Woods Country Life School.

This year Kappa Week was from

September 15-20. This week included a panel discussion, a canned food/clothing drive, a step show and tailgating before the football game.

"The pressure and tension of the first week of classes was eased a little. All in all, things went pretty well for us," said Ondra Clavert, president of the chapter.

The strengths of the chapter are constantly reinforced by the bonds these men forge as they take their fraternity to higher and higher levels of achievement that have earned the chapter national and provincial positions.

Thomas Calvert and Terrence Nickens summed it up best. "We strive for excellence, not excuses."

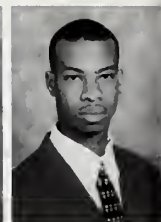
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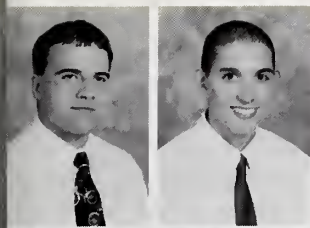


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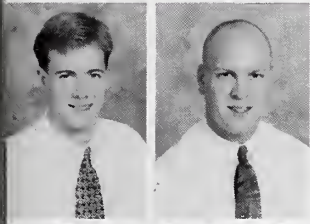
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*The newly-founded order of Pi Kappa Phi strives to
offer members **Pi Kappa Phi** the perfect
balance between social, charitable and academic endeavors.*

by Leslie Walker

The Greek system has always been based on history, tradition and rituals, but sometimes a change is necessary.

In the spring of 1997 several young men decided that they needed something more than the present Greek system provided.

Their plan was simple--to provide an environment in which young men would be provided an opportunity to receive a well-rounded educational experience.

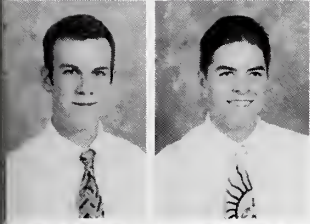
"I was never really interested in the Greek system before--you could even say I was a little anti-Greek--but it was exciting to think that 50 or 60 years from now, people will be upholding the standards that I helped establish. PKF brings something new and fresh to the campus," said junior Dale Corkin.

PKF is the newest fraternity on campus, with about 30 members. A GPA of at least 2.2 is required, but members also need intangible qualities like dedication, integrity and honor.

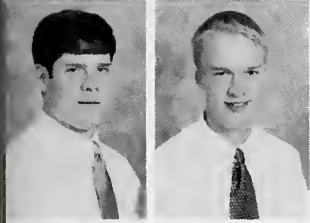
PKF chapters are the only fraternities that run their own national service organization. Push America promotes the awareness of people with disabilities.

This summer PKF members from across the country will participate in Journey of Hope--a cross-country cycling event that will also include service projects at every major stop.

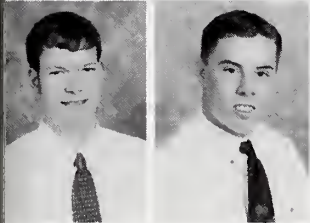
Members were busy planning events for semester to come, but they took a break in April to participate in No Boundaries Week. This event helped to raise awareness of disabled people among college students.



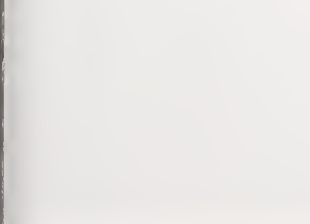
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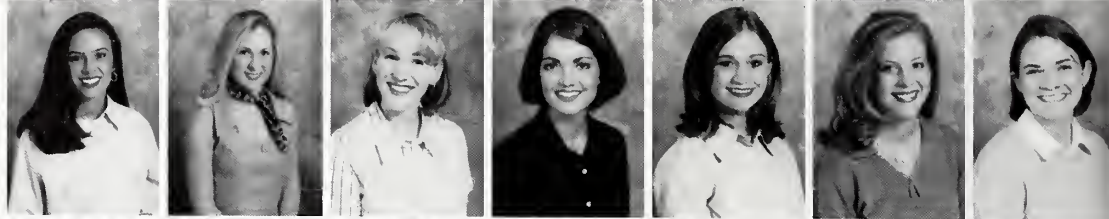
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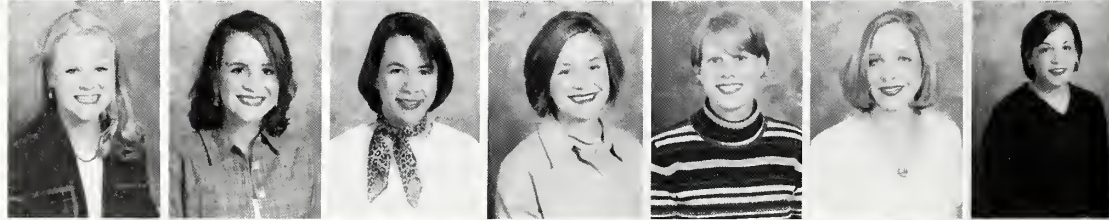
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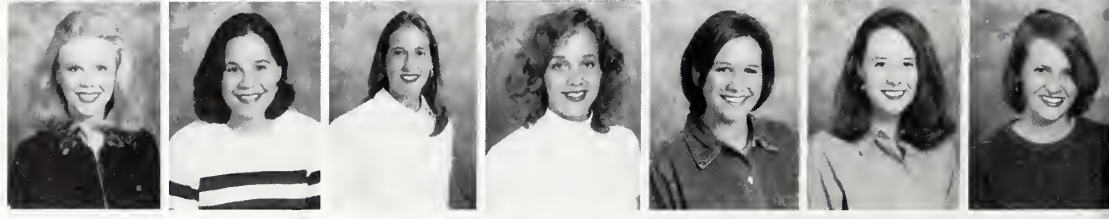
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Kappa Deltas experience a well-rounded college life
through social **Kappa Delta** *awareness*
and academic excellence.

by Shannon Kesler

The Kappa Delta Sorority was founded 100 years ago in Farmville, VA, on October 23, 1897, on beliefs of striving for that which is honorable, beautiful and highest. Over the years, KΔ has strived for just that at USM where the Beta Sigma chapter takes pride in its excellence.

KΔs participate in many activities and organizations at USM including Student Government Association, Student Alumni Association, Southern Misses, Diamond Darlings, Dixie Darlings, Cheerleaders, USM choir and orchestra, and a number of honor societies. KΔs also hold positions in many organizations including Panhellenic president and SGA cabinet members and senators.

KΔs also thrive socially on campus. Each semester is filled with theme swaps with fraternities and the annual White Rose Formal, Fall Fling, Founders Day Banquet and Shamrock Party. Building strong sisterhood while having fun, KΔ had several Sisterhood Retreats and events throughout the year.

Asha DePolo agreed that the social aspect of sorority life is important. "Our sisterhood seems to grow each year, with stronger friendships developing and making memories that will last a lifetime."

KΔ prides itself with its academic success. KΔ has maintained All-Women's Average and participated in scholarship events in conjunction with other sororities.

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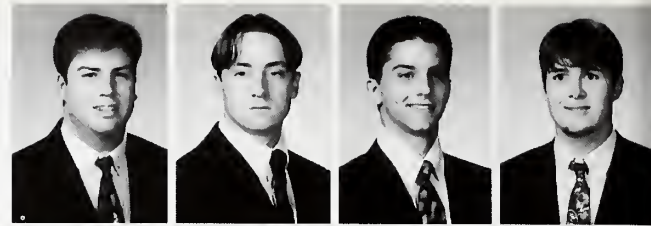
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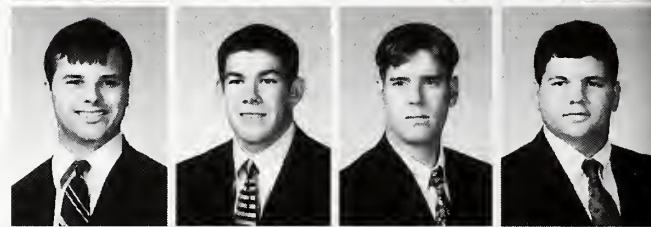
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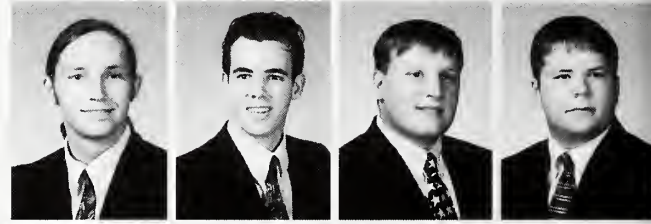
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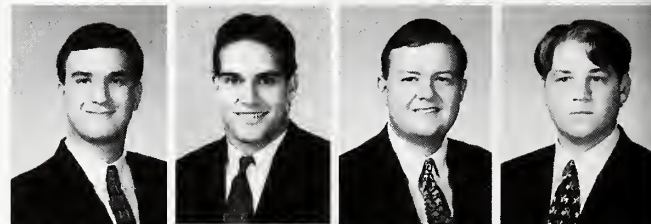
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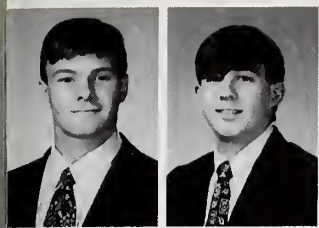


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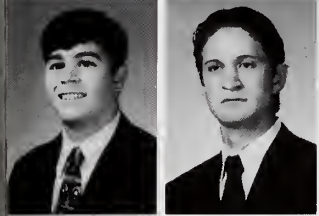
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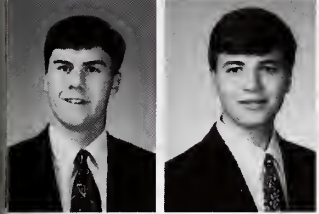
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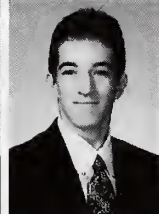
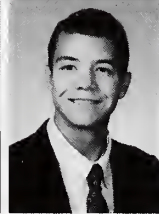
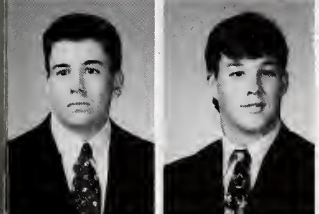
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The men of Kappa Sigma strive to perform to the best of their abilities in every facet **Kappa Sigma** *of university and community life.*

by Scott Walle

The men of Kappa Sigma believe in the pursuit of excellence through academics, campus involvement, athletics and community service.

The KΣ's at USM believe that their chapter is one of the most respected and visible fraternities on campus. Members of the fraternity are involved in Southern Style, Eagle Connection, SAA, Greek Seekers, Student Eagle Club, and the IFC executive board.

"KΣ has given me the tools that I will need to succeed later in life, and I will always remember it for that," said junior Brock Whitson.

For five out of the past six years, KΣ has won the Interfraternity Council's Intramural Award. Also, KΣ has won the All-University Intramural Championship three

out of the past four years.

"We at KΣ pride ourselves in competing to the best of our abilities. There are no points for second place," said senior Dax Jeter.

KΣ has been involved in many philanthropic events during the year. The largest and most successful was Margaritaville. This event raised over \$1500 for the Tom Shoemaker Scholarship Fund.

The men of scarlet, white and emerald green also sponsor numerous social functions. The Founders' Day Party, Super Bowl Party, Undertakers' Ball, Valentine's Party and South Seas Spring Party are legendary.

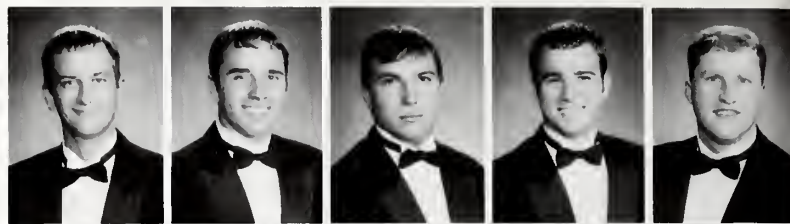
The men of KΣ will always remember that their fraternity "... is not for a day, a year or a college term only, but for life."

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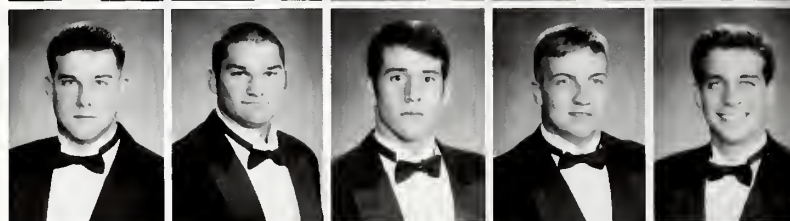
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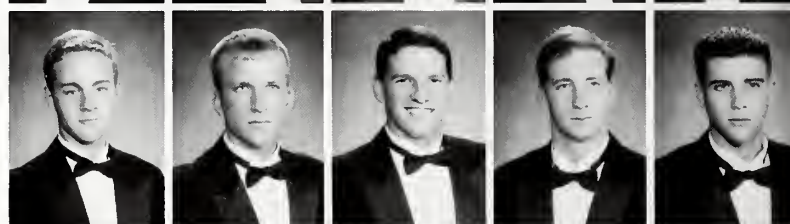
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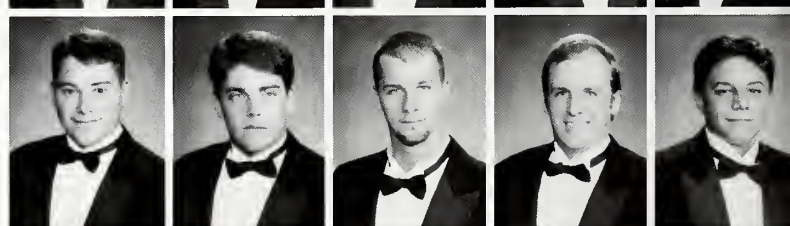
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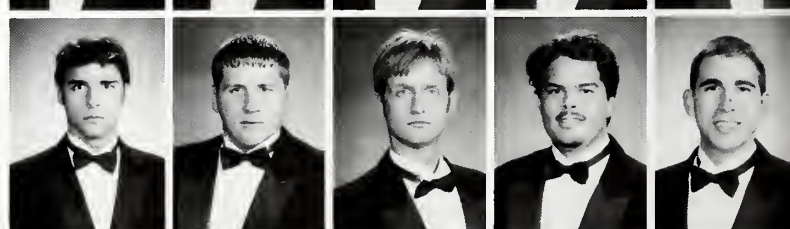
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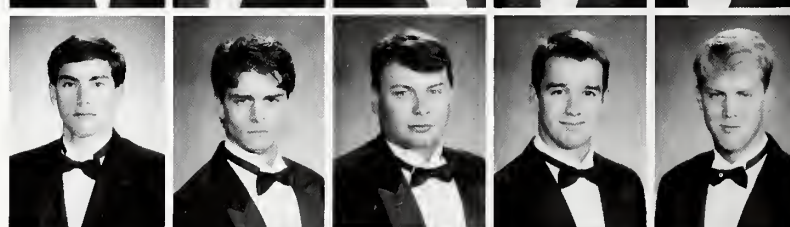
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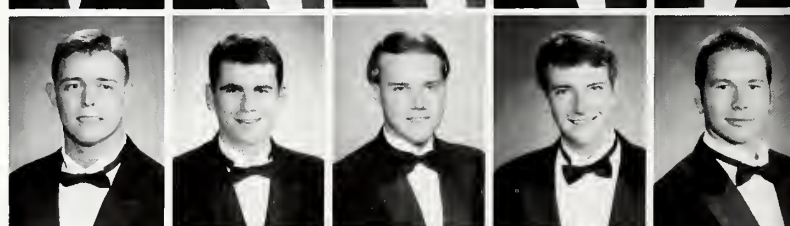
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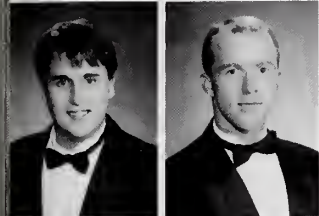
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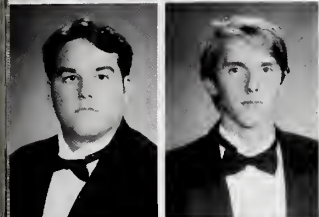
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Their tradition of excellence and high standards ensures that the Beta Epsilon Phi Kappa Tau Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau is one of the top ten chapters in the nation.

by Chuck Lofton

"Success is never coasting"--this is the motto that the men of Phi Kappa Tau live by, and USM's Beta Epsilon chapter upholds this motto. Their leadership on campus, and in the community, recently won them the national award for most improved chapter, and placed them as one of the top ten Φ KT chapters in the nation.

Φ KT has a strong dedication to its philanthropies, the Hole in the Wall Gang and the Children's Miracle Network. This year the Phi Tau teamed up with Phi Mu and held their first House of Boos to raise money for these philanthropies. They also hosted their annual Soccer Classic as well as Chip Shot.

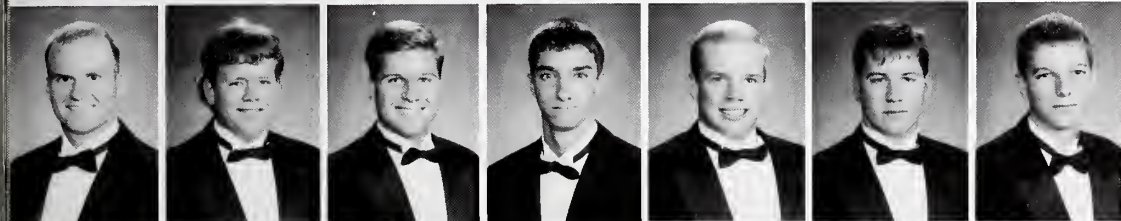
Community service is another

area where the Φ KT's excel. They also hold strong as leaders on campus with their designated driver program.

Bobby Rushing, senior and former president said, "We have really come together this year to make our chapter and USM's campus a better place."

In the spring, the Red Carnation Ball gives the brothers and their dates a chance to come together and enjoy a formal dinner and dance. The grand finale is "Lost Weekend," an entire week of social activities that finish off the semester with a bang.

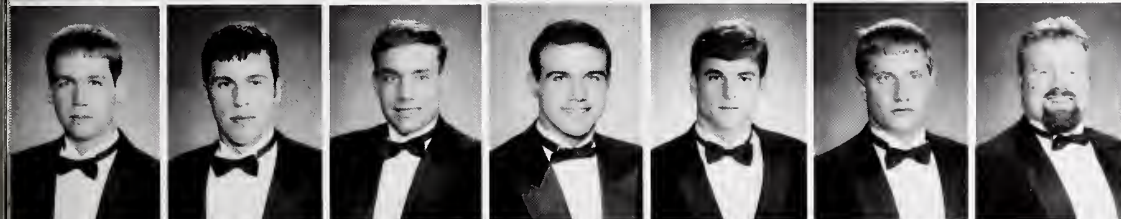
Phi Tau have created success not only at USM, but also in the community.



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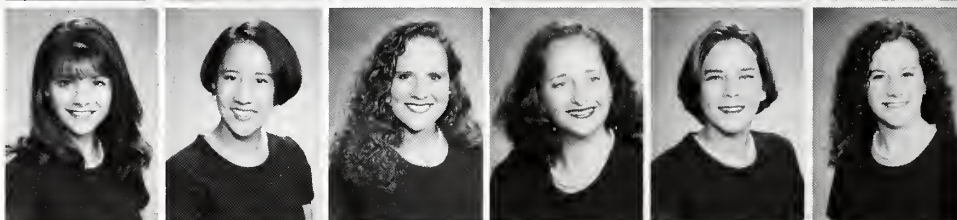
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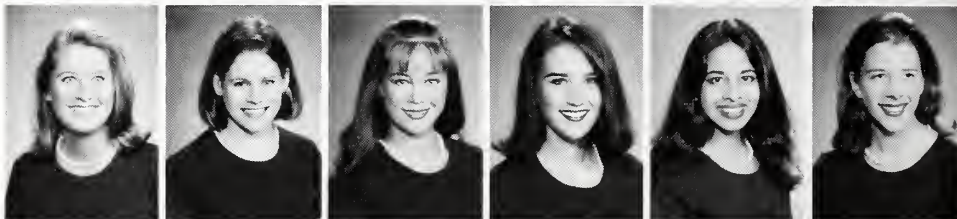
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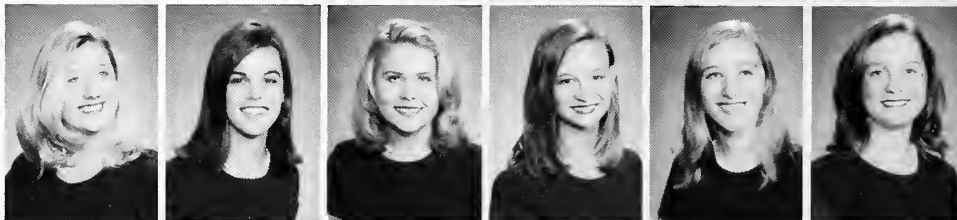
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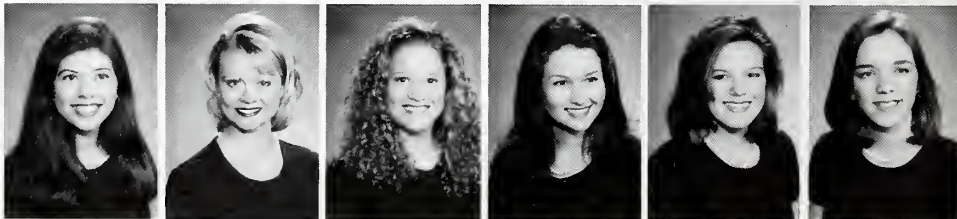
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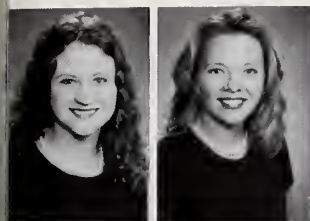


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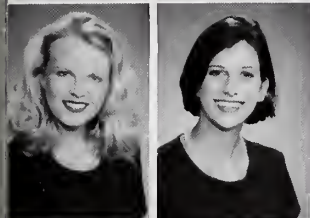


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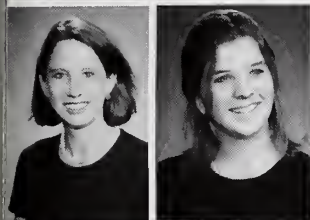




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*The Alpha Omicron chapter of Phi Mu strives for excellence as they work **Phi Mu** to maintain a balance between academics, campus involvement and philanthropy.*

by Karen Boney

The ladies of Phi Mu strive daily to meet their three main ideals of love, honor and truth. As they strive to uphold these standards, they also work towards academic excellence, campus involvement and philanthropy.

Phi Mus are required to keep minimum GPAs and are involved in almost every organization on campus, including the Dixie Darlings, Diamond Darlings, Southern Style, SGA and Greek Seekers.

Philanthropy is an important part of Phi Mu. They annually raise money for the Children's Miracle Network through their "Men of the Year" calendar, which spotlights outstand-

ing men on campus. This year Phi Mu and Phi Kappa Theta worked together to build a haunted house to raise more money for local charities. Also, Phi Mu sponsored a family for Christmas, buying toys and food.

Phi Mu President Amy Rome said, "I love our philanthropy work because not only do we give something back to the community, but it gives us a chance to come together and see the results of those good deeds."

The Phi Mus are very proud of their own Melinda King for being crowned Ms. Hattiesburg in February. No matter where King goes, the Phi Mus will consider her a "Faithful Sister" for a lifetime.



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Melissa Roundtree
Elena Schiro
Jill Schroeder

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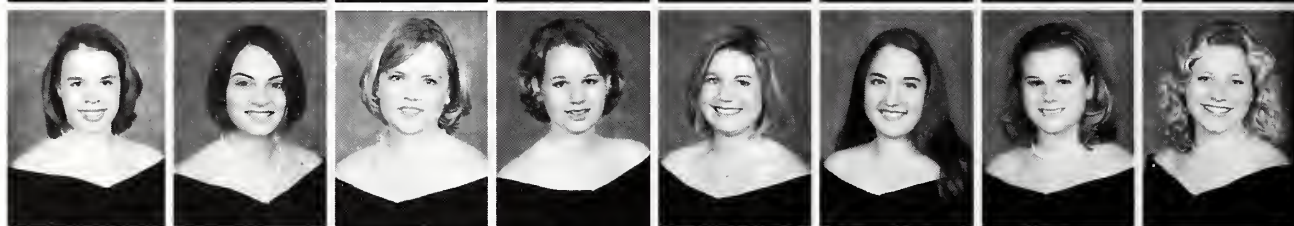
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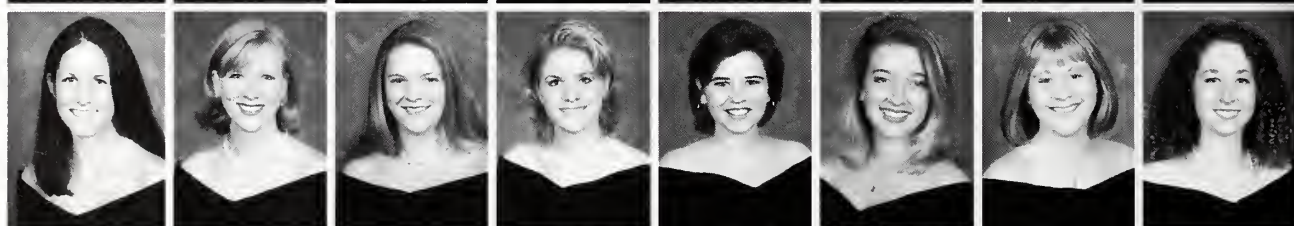
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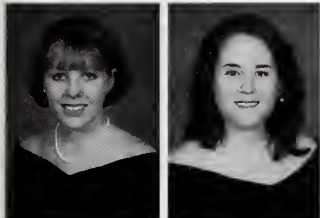




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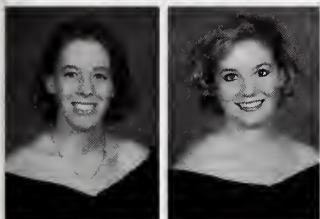
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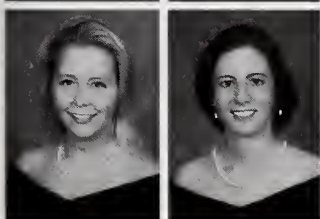
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The sisterhood of Pi Beta Phi is one that can be seen with little Pi Beta Phi difficulty. They support each other in everything that they do.

by Leora Madden

Pi Beta Phi sorority, founded on April 28, 1867, at Monmouth College in Illinois was the first national sorority for women. These women grow in the ideals of their sorority--sisterhood, philanthropy and spirit for the sorority and the school.

In the summer of 1997, PIBΦ attended their national convention in Atlanta, GA. There they received four national awards--first in panhellenic participation, top ten in national spirit, best philanthropy programming and best new member programming.

The PIBΦ's did not stop there. The PIBΦ homecoming float won first place in the sorority division for the fourth consecutive year and they placed second for spirit.

"The Pi Phi spirit is strong and can overcome any obstacle that comes our way,"

said junior Tanya Pajaves.

The sisterhood of PIBΦ can be seen on a daily basis. These sisters support each other in everything. PIBΦ's are involved in Dixie Darlings, Southern Style, Order of Omega, SGA and Greek Seekers and intramurals. They also perform opera, dance and theatre.

PIBΦ also gives back to the community through their philanthropies--Wesley Manor and the Adopt-a-School program. PIBΦ held their annual volleyball tournament, Arrowspike. This event is open to anyone on campus or in the community. The proceeds go to local and national charities.

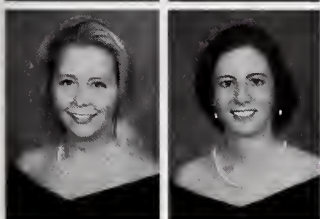
PIBΦ also traveled to the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN. While there they also volunteered at the Pi Beta Phi Elementary School.



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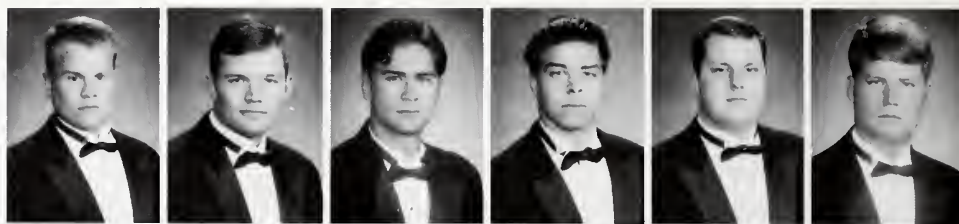
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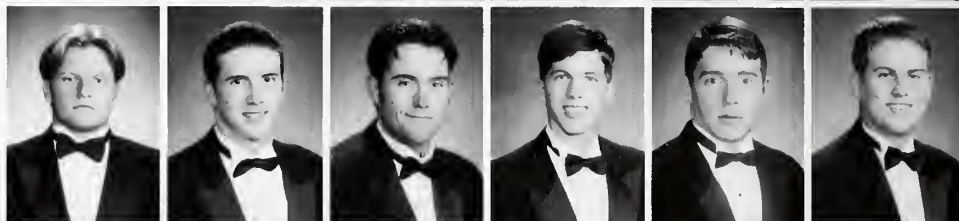
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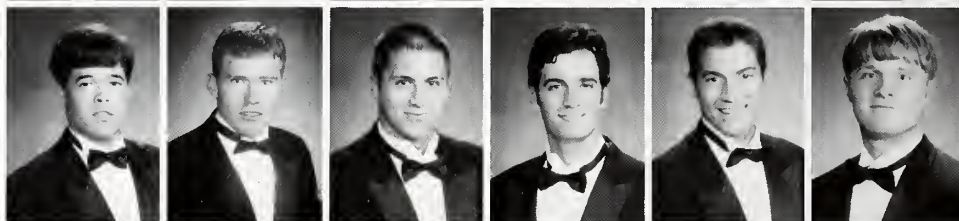
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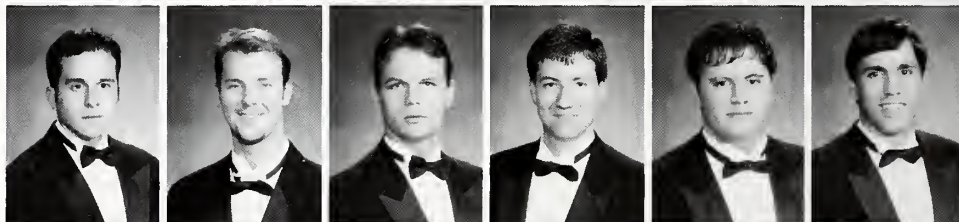
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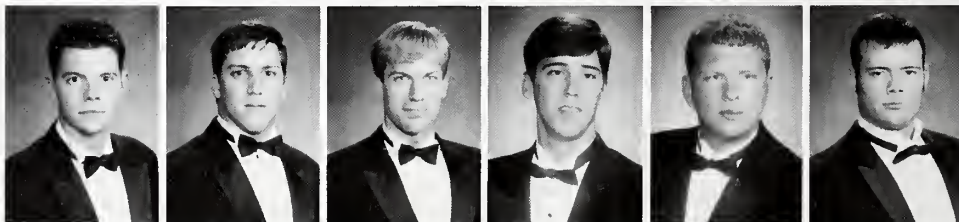
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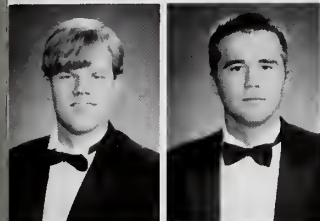


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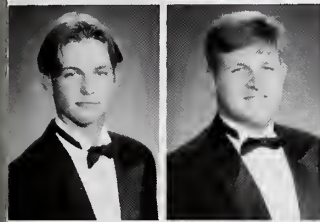




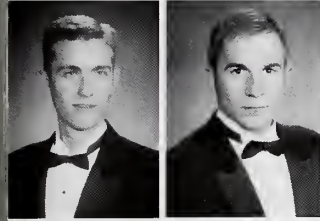
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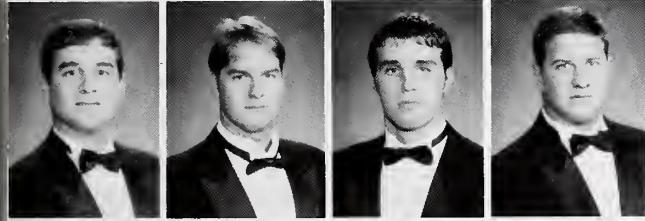
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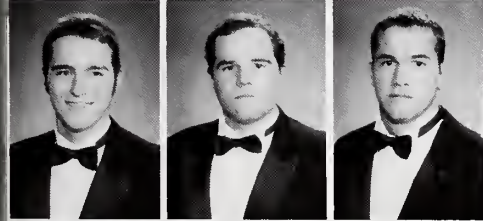
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The distinct young men that are chosen for the
Pi Kappa Alpha *Kappa Alpha*
are initiated into an unbreakable bond.

by Leslie Walker

Each year Pi Kappa Alpha searches for scholars, gentlemen, leaders and athletes and makes them brothers for life.

"We really mean it when we say we are brothers. I can look at every one of these guys and say they are my friends," said Steve Pickering, Pike brother for life and secretary for the fraternity.

Pike encourages each member to join at least two campus organizations and members must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA. Pikes are members of the Junior Greek Council, Order of Omega, the Student Eagle Club, Student Alumni Association, Student Government Association and Interfraternity Council.

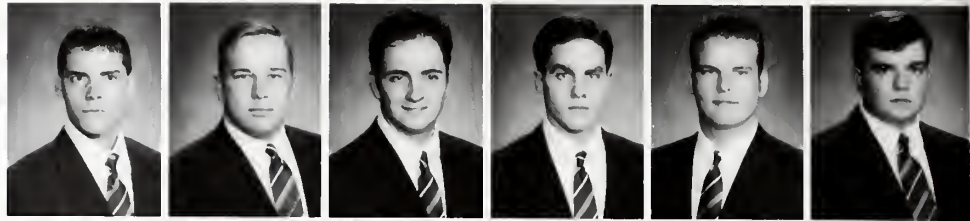
Every semester Pikes are busy with several philanthropic activities.

Several members volunteer with the children at USM's Dubard School for Children with Language Disorders. Pikes also help keep Mississippi's highways clean, sponsor blood drives, canned food drives and help local churches raise money.

All this hard work means that the Pikes occasionally throw a well earned party. Pikefest, the Halloween Party co-hosted with Sigma Chi and the Christmas Party are legendary.

Another major event is the Founder's Day Spring Formal. Awards are presented for Outstanding Active and Pledge, Big Brother and Little Brother and the Pike Dream Girl. The Pike Dream Girl is a female that best represents PKA's ideals.

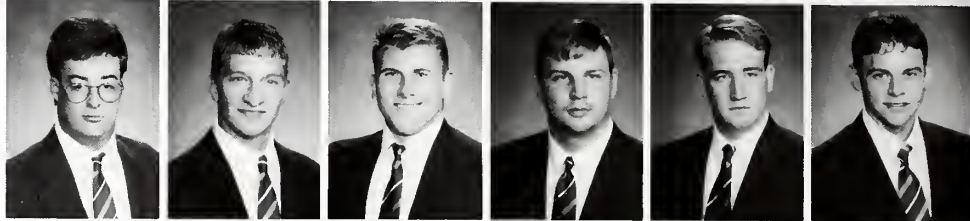
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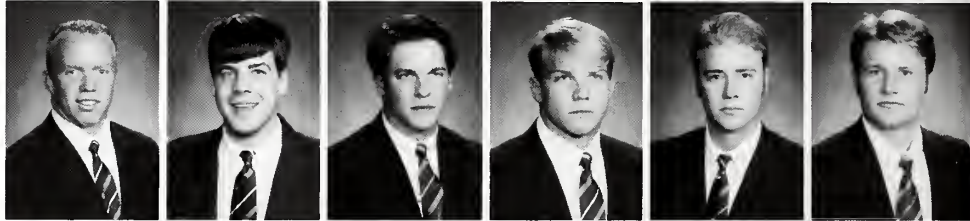
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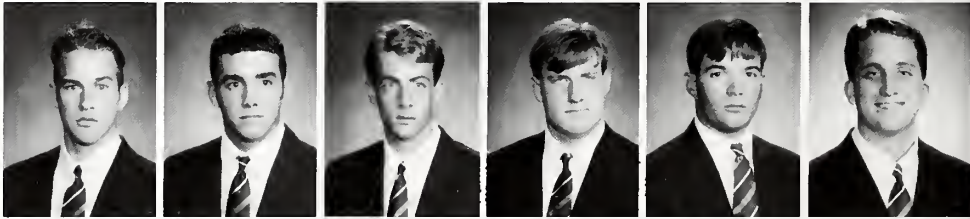
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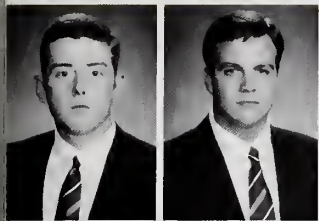


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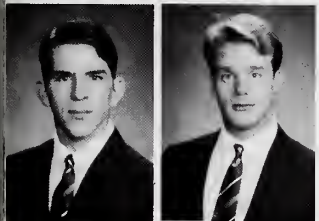
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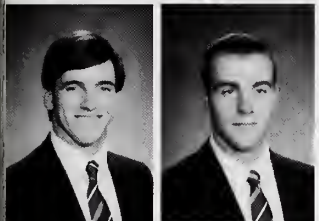
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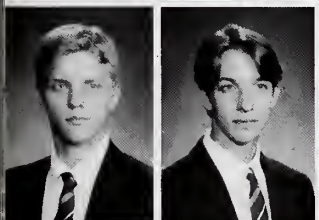
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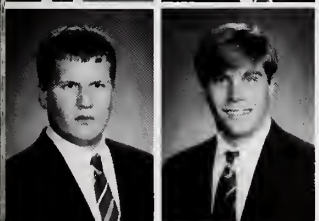
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The men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon take pride in serving the community while striving for academic excellence.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

by Leslie Walker

The men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon strive to excel in every facet of fraternity and campus life. The goal and challenge for USM's Sigma chapter is to mold and shape young men into leaders. These men have gladly accepted that challenge. ΣAE's pride themselves on making good grades, raising money for worthwhile causes and having fun.

"ΣAEs can be found in SGA and IFC executive positions," said vice-president Billy Leach. "ΣAEs are also involved in other various organizations. Many members are in other areas of SGA, Student Alumni Association, Student Eagle Club, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Gamma Beta Phi, Criminal Justice Association and Army ROTC."

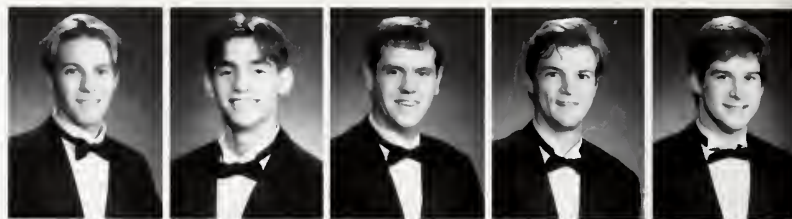
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For the past two years, the men of the Sigma chapter have made well over the All Men's Average. ΣAE was awarded the Most Improved Scholarship Award at their national convention in Phoenix, AZ. Matt Robinson was awarded the highest male GPA among fraternities.

Their first annual Charity Bowl, was held in May. Over \$2,500 was raised for the Citivan Camp for Mentally Retarded Citizens. "This year we plan to more than double the money raised for the camp," said philanthropy chairman Steve Strickland. Our Charity Bowl in April will set a new standard for fundraising here at USM."

"Our fraternity gives every young man a chance to become a leader, whether it is on campus or within the fraternity," said president Aaron Boucher.

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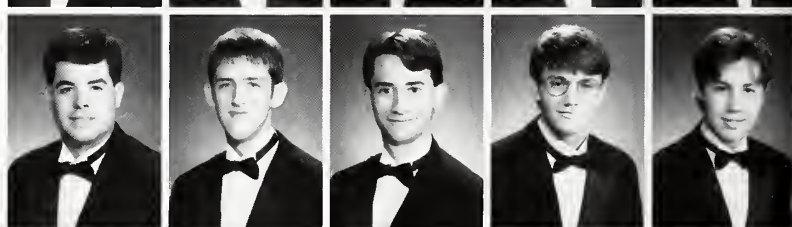
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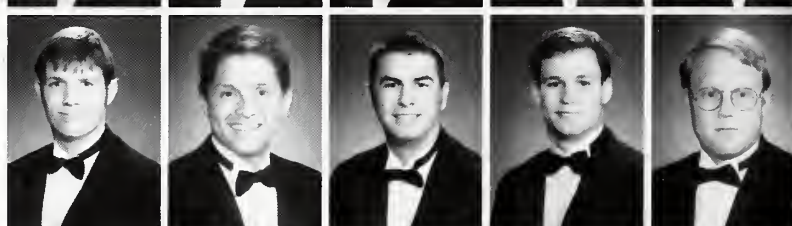
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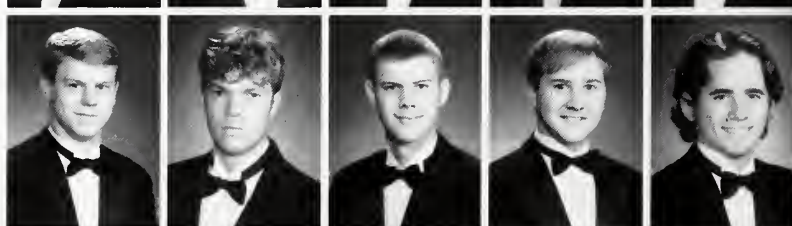
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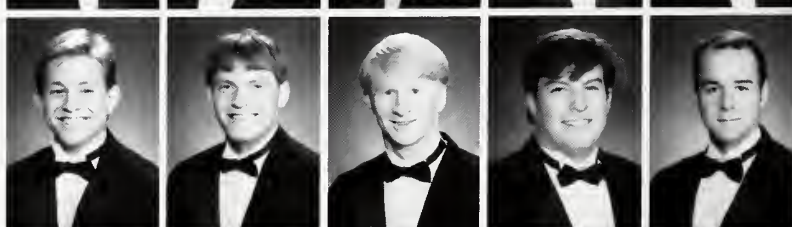
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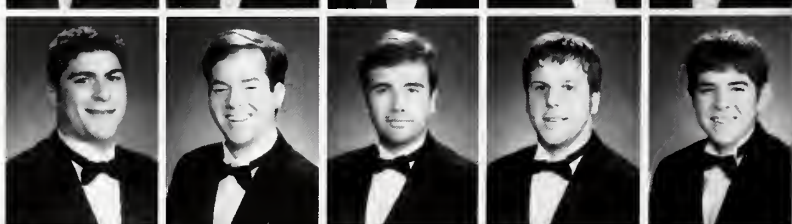
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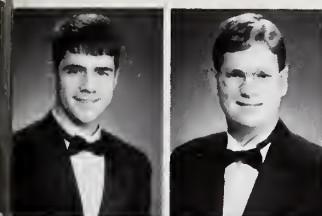


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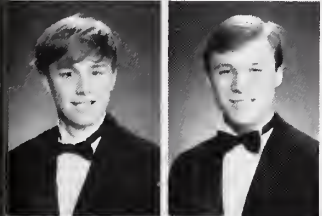
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The men of Sigma Chi work daily to fulfill their purpose, which is to cultivate ideas of *Sigma Chi* friendship, justice and learning. These things make up the heart of Sigma Chi.

by Krista Feinberg

The men of the Theta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi stand out on campus because they set both high standards and goals. Formal Rush proved to be a success this past fall as Consul Kyle Smith and Rush Chairman Matt Thomas worked hard and recruited twenty-eight new members, the largest pledge class of fraternity Rush.

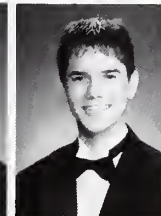
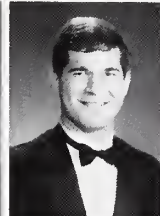
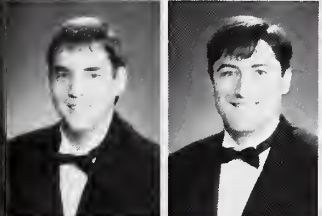
ΣX plays an active role in university and community activities. The semester's began with ΣX's annual philanthropy, ΣX Derby Days, raising \$3,500 for the Children's Miracle Network--the largest amount a Greek organization raised for its philanthropy. Under the theme, "Derby Does the Decades," Derby Week was a whirlwind of activities like dress-a-coach, "A Chorus

Line." starring groups from each of the sororities, and special appearances by the Charlie Mars Band and Quentin's Bridge. The week was concluded by a Heart Walk sponsored by ΣX.

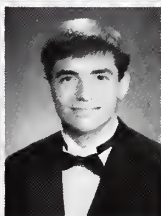
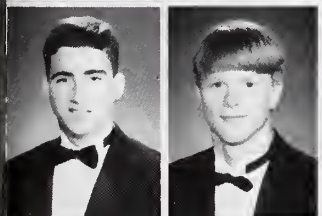
Homecoming was another exciting event for ΣX. They won first place on their Homecoming float and first place overall for the fraternities category.

The Pat O'Brien's Christmas Formal was welcome in the fall and spring brought the Italian Wedding, Yacht Club and the Alumni golf tournament.

Rush Chairman Trey Truitt believes the definition of a ΣX man is simple. "Sigma Chi prides itself in reaching the ideals of friendship, justice and learning through the White Cross."



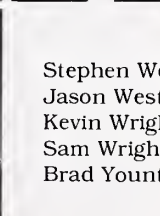
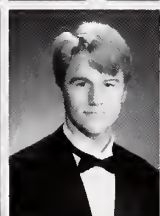
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Following the motto of "Greater Service, Greater Progress" make
the ladies of *Sigma Gamma Rho* Sigma
Gamma Rho an industrious and excellent organization.

by Valencia Giles

The Eta Tau chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho has continued to live up to its motto of "Greater Service, Greater Progress."

The sorority has been very busy with community service and social events. In September, the second annual Kid's Day Festival was held at Vernon Dahmer park. Children from the surrounding community were fed lunch, played games and were told about the dangers of using drugs.

Other community service projects included: helping at the Kamper Park Halloween Zoo booth, volunteering at the Boy's and Girl's Club and working with the Hattiesburg Habitat for Humanity.

The sorority has also worked hard in planning their major social events of the semester. From November 15-16, the chapter hosted the area meeting for the chapters in Mississippi.

This year, ΣΓΡ will be hosting their first Blue and Gold week during November 10-15. Other possible events include: panel discussion, Greek Family Feud, volunteering for the Helping Hands Mission and Habitat for Humanity, a barbecue in the freshman quad, and a stepshow.

The sorority is very proud of its accomplishments on USM's campus. Sigma Gamma Rho will continue to strive for excellence and service in the years ahead.

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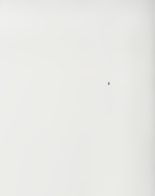
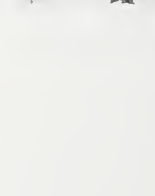
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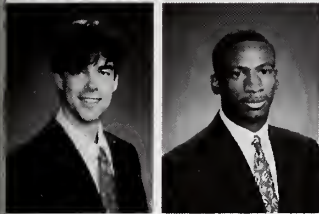
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*Using a rigorous set of moral codes, the
brothers of Sigma Nu Nu act with love,
truth and honor on a day to day basis.*

by Leslie Walker

One hundred years after being founded at the Virginia Military Institute, Sigma Nu celebrated its anniversary with a wave of new chapters across the country, including USM.

Sigma Nu is not atypical--like all fraternities, they require members to have a least a 2.0 GPA and participate in at least two other campus organizations--but their "absolutely no hazing" policy and lack of noise complaints for their house makes them stand out on campus.

"I can honestly say I have never met a finer bunch of men. When freshman come on campus, our fraternity tries to emphasize how our diversity doesn't stop us from working towards and achieving the same goals," said president Willis Jones.

Love, truth and honor are close to

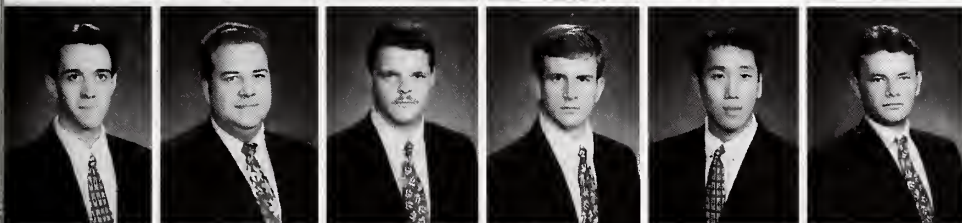
the hearts of these young men. They use these principles on a daily basis, but the annual Sigma Nu 3000 gives them a chance to have fun and help others. All members alternate biking a total of 3000 laps around Reed Green Coliseum to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Members canvass the city searching for individuals, stores and restaurants that would like to sponsor the event. Pledges range anywhere from \$30 to \$100.

Chris Smith, philanthropy chairman, helped raise over \$3500 to benefit pediatric cancer research. "I like what St. Jude's stands for and I like the feeling I get when I know that I am helping others."

Sigma Nu's main goal is to get members involved in campus and the surrounding community.



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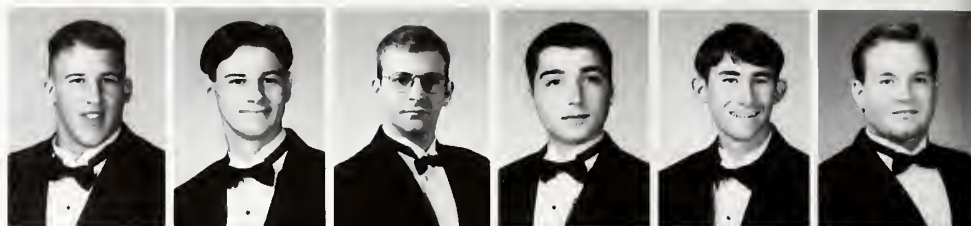


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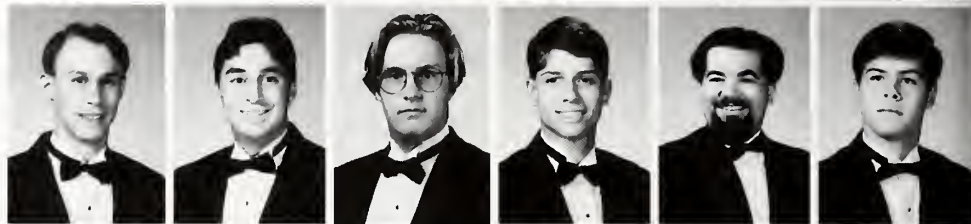


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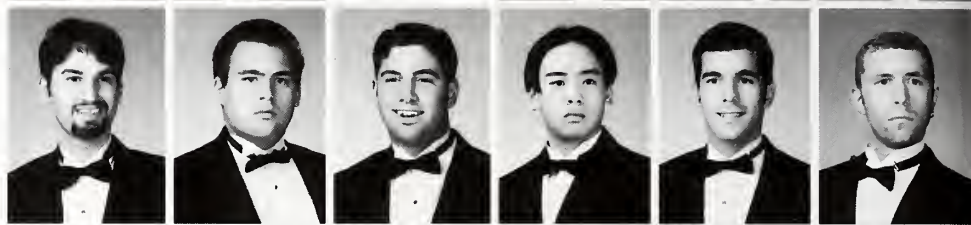
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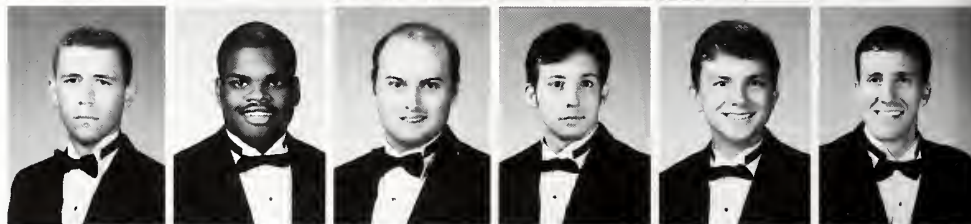
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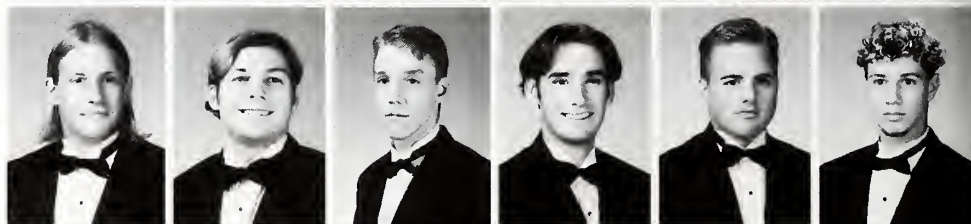
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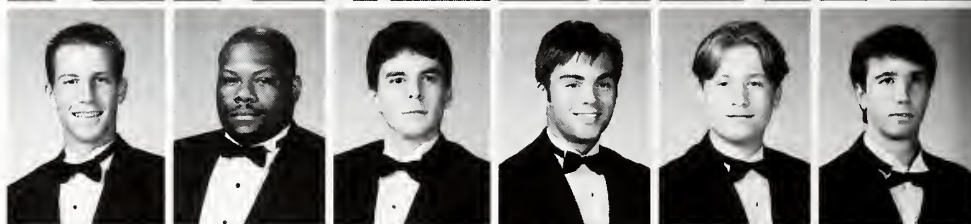
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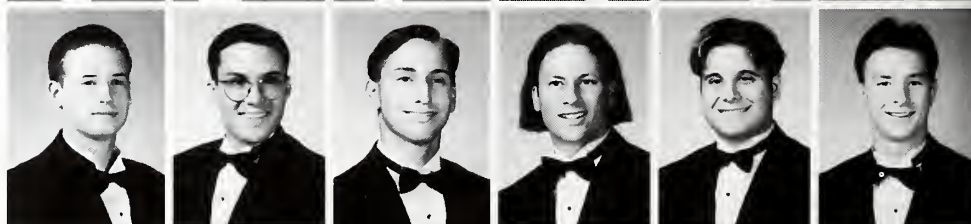
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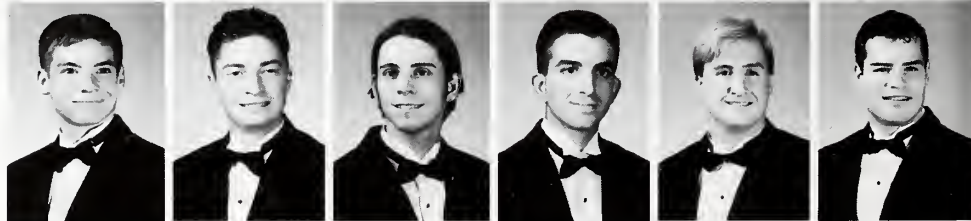
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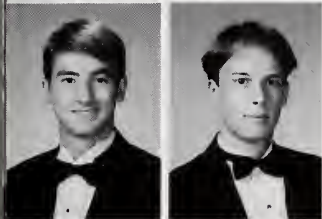
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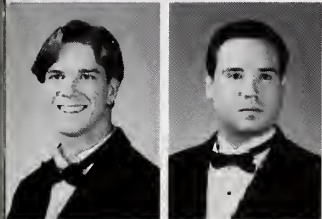
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The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon take pride in serving the
Sigma Phi Epsilon *while*
exhibiting virtue, diligence and fraternity.

by John Murphy

Virtue, diligence and brotherly love--these cardinal principles have guided the lives of over 220,000 brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon since their founding on November 1, 1901. For the Mississippi Gamma Chapter, a tremendous legacy has been left to uphold.

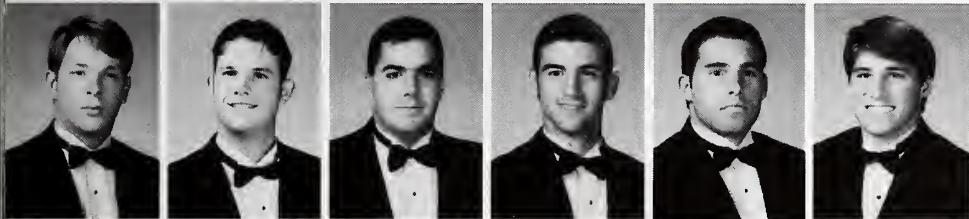
ΣΦΕ, the second largest fraternity on campus, has dominated in all areas of chapter operations. For the past two years, they have won the Inter-Fraternity Council's Community Service Award for most hours posted by any fraternity.

The 77 brothers of ΣΦΕ achieved a 2.770 GPA during the spring semester, which was above the all-men's average.

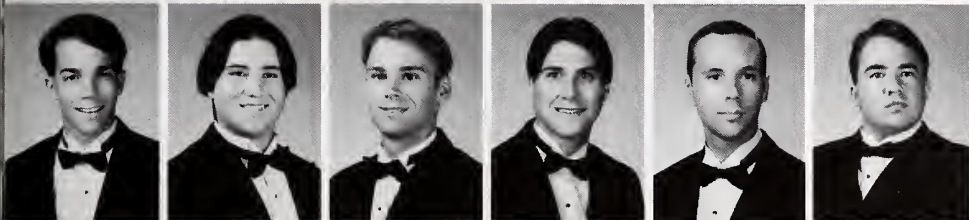
ΣΦΕ are active leaders in a variety of campus organizations; such as, SGA, IFC, PACERS, UAC, BSU, College Republicans, PEP and the Order of Omega. They also have athletes on USM's rugby, football, soccer and cheerleader teams.

Sophomore Brad Rukes said, "Being a ΣΦΕ makes me a balanced leader, one who stands out amongst my peers."

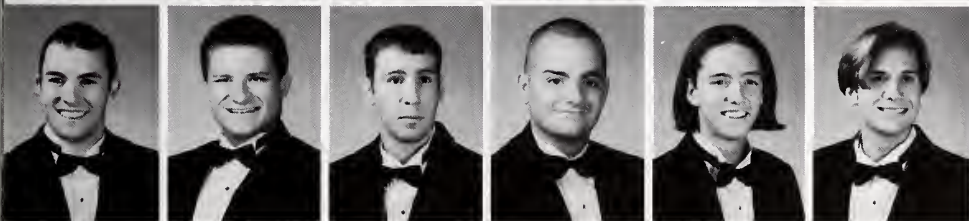
The ΣΦΕ's also has a busy social calendar. The chapter sponsors a yearly Christmas semiformal and Red Rose formal, as well as the week-long Pirate Party. With such a busy schedule the only constant for ΣΦΕ is the lifelong brotherhood that encourages diversity, yet unifies them under their strong Judeo-Christian principles.



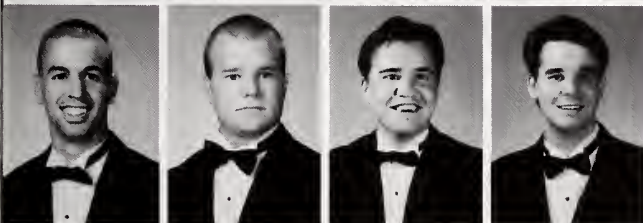
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*'Tau Kappa Epsilon dedicates their time to contribute to the community, **Tau Kappa Epsilon** to the university and to fostering the bonds of brotherhood.*

by Sean Savoie and Alex Burns

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity prides itself on the three principles from which our organization was founded--love, charity and esteem. Deep within every brother, these morals are entwined with their everyday lives.

Founded ninety-nine years ago, the TKEs touched down on USM's campus in January 1986. Since that time, Tau Kappa Epsilon has been active in providing numerous campus activities for all students. Tau Kappa Epsilon extends its excellence towards the community as well, recently being involved in such philanthropies as Special Olympics, the Salvation Army and the Army Clothing Drive.

About twenty men make up USM's Pi Psi Chapter, a tightly-knit group of brothers that places a strong emphasis on personal worth, sterling character and true brotherhood.

"Tau Kappa Epsilon is a fraternity that not only cares what we are based on, but constantly strives to be sure that those that those foundations are kept strong and alive by showing the pride and enthusiasm that should surround any organization," said vice-president Sean Savoie.

Truly unique among the fraternities, the men of Tau Kappa Epsilon strive to ensure that their tradition of excellence is maintained and will continue to prosper in the future.

Henry Adams



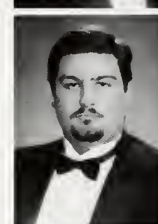
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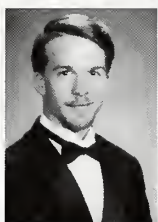
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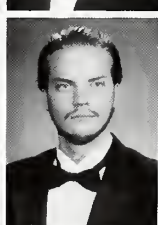
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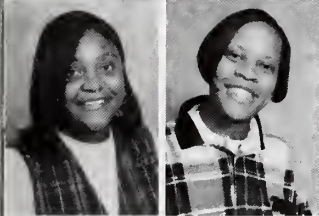
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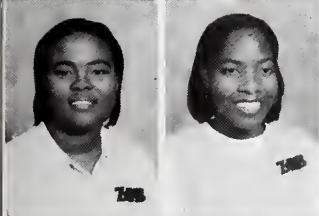


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Stephanie Smith
Latrice Thompson
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Temeka Virgil
Vicki Walker
Mary Williams

Dedicated to service, the women of Zeta Phi Beta labor to give Zeta Phi Beta something back to the community that they hold so dear.

by Temeka Virgil

The Lambda Theta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta, Inc., is a sisterhood of women who want to give back to the community.

Constitutionally bound to Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, the sorority was founded in 1920 by five women and three men who wished to depart from the traditional definitions for Black women and sought to establish an organization dedicated to the ideals of scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood.

Service plays the most important role in the life of a lady who has proven herself worthy enough to wear royal blue and white.

"I was not very involved in the community before, but Zeta Phi Beta gave me the inspiration to start doing something for the future of the community," said Anita Thurmond.

Some of the projects this year have included the Adopt-a-Highway, School and Family programs and the Boys and Girls Club "Make a Difference" day.

Zeta Phi Beta also volunteers with the Stork's Nest program which helps unwed mothers, the March of Dimes, Walk America, Special Olympics and Toys for Tots.

"I enjoy the time that we work in the community. It lets the people out there know that we care," said Irene Peden.

Through these activities, Zeta Phi Beta definitely makes itself known on campus as they continue to plan for the future.

Since its beginning, the sorority has expanded to more than 700 graduate and collegiate chapters. These chapters are located throughout the United States, the Bahamas, West Africa and Germany.



Organizations



Expressions of **EXCELLENCE**

by Amanda Brown

Involvement with college organizations provides students with many benefits. Whether it be an academic, social, or service group, students learn to lead with excellence. USM has over 180 organizations offering a wide variety of experiences. From ROTC to the American Marketing Association, students learn about their careers while preparing for the future.

College is not "all work and no play." By getting involved, students take a break from the books to interact with others thereby becoming more well-rounded and diverse adults.

Photo by Rebecca Timmins

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Alpha Epsilon Delta:

First row: Joseph Milton, treasurer; Holly Robinson; David De Blasio, vice president; Last row: Kellie Paxton; Britton Long.



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Alpha Epsilon Delta encourages and recognizes excellence in students preparing to enter the health field.

Alpha Lambda Delta:

First row: Mike Mitchell, advisor; Lance Brown, president; Gina Gibbs, secretary; Ricardo Woods, vice president; Second row: Lea Bourland; Susanne Robinson; Kristi McNeely; Hadley Breckenridge; Shannon Kolb; Beth White; Lacey White; Rebecca Thornell; Third row: Kyle Thompson; Kelly Barker; Steven De Blasio; Verdel Hawkins; Delecia Carter; Mohammad Ali; Steven Daughtry; Vickie Ulery; Last row: Britton Long; Deanna Johnson; Nicole Cheri; Brad Rukes; Curtis Matherne; Greg Doss, junior advisor; Jennifer Ellison, senior advisor; Jessica Thomas.



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Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society promoting academic excellence during a student's freshman year.

American Chemical Society:

First row: Shannon Williams; Stacy Booth, secretary; Greg Brust, vice president; Last row: Donnie Boman; Greg Gemeinhardt; Victoria Ulery; Britton Long; Edwin Robinson.



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The American Chemical Society's Student Affiliates work to encourage participation in chemistry and undergraduate research through interaction between students and the chemistry faculty.

American Institute of Building Design:

First row: Timothy Delrie; Danny Johnson; George Mathis, advisor; Last row: Melissa James, president; Trent Edwards, vice president; Terri Lynn Hendon, secretary/treasurer.



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The American Institute of Building Design trains members in the various aspects of architectural engineering and building design.



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AASO Officers: Front Row: Shameka Gooden, Vice President; Artiffany Washington, Graduate Asst.; Melody Mister, Secretary; Back Row: Trae Brown, Election Commissioner; Will Myers, President; Brian Henderson, Treasurer.



Michael Russell

AASO members **Antony Moore** and **Antoine Kelly** participate in a reenactment of the Clyde Kennard story. This is an annual production celebrating the efforts of the first African American to be accepted for enrollment at USM.

Celebrating *Diversity*

by Contina Quinn

The Afro-American Student Organization has grown by leaps within the past few years. This year almost 300 students have pledged themselves to a single purpose--to serve as advocates for African-American students and to promote awareness, unity and active involvement on campus and in the community. This year, programs have included Black Unity Week, Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, Clyde Kennard Week, the Black Achievement awards and panel discussions with student leaders.

The AASO consists of several committees: including, the arts--choir, drama and dance, cultural awareness, fundraising, community service, public relations and the newly formed education committee. The education committee mentors at various elementary schools and sponsored USM's first crime prevention week.

Being an AASO member can be rewarding in several ways. President William Myles said, "I believe members get knowledge of their culture and heritage, are enlightened about things they knew, but did not know the whole story."

AASO demands a lot out of its members, but tries to give back as much as possible. The annual Miss Ebony pageant awards scholarships to women who personify AASO's ideal of beauty, intelligence and poise.

The AASO celebrated Black History month with a commemorative ribbon pinning, Gospel Fest, a presentation of famous Black Americans, open poetry and song and community service projects.

Taking the helm of such a large organization can be a little overwhelming, but Myles knows he can depend on his members.

"My greatest challenge as president has been to be able to reach the vast majority of people on campus and keep them focused on the agenda that has been established," said Myles.



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Afro-American Student Organization: First row: Jamie P. Ray, Stephanie Bullock, Christine L. Minor, Angela Jones, Brian Handerson, Tenise Hardaway, Kay Redmond, Artiffany Washington, William Myles; Second row: Charlotte Moody, Sanquanita Buckhalter, Kendra Shell, LaCheryl Latham, Rashida Wilson, Deanna Johnson, Car Cunningham, Jr., Andrew Clark, Ora D. Jackson, Jillian Evans, Shelia Chester, Ayanna Baiste, Roshonda McGowan, Shareef Abdul, Christie E. Scott, Tyres Antrey, Reginald Taylor, Sabrina Simon; Third row: Theresa Goodwin, Christina Watts, Sheba Jennings, Contina Quinn, LaShonta Johnson, Laronza Bridges, Kiki Swanier, Michelle Sullivan, Reagan Amos, Shavon Hamilton, Jahmeela Weston, Shandra Griffin, Lashanakhia McKelphin, Demetra Mallett, Xavier Johnson, Pretoria Benson, Monica Ball, Tawanda Pope; Fourth row: Kevin McLin, Amy Pruitt, Aaron Wilson, Felicia Crowley, Leslie Hales, Joanna Burns, Chandrae Tenzy; Last row: Billy Bennett, Jr., Michael McCarty, Tony T. Yarber, LaTonya Moore, Cedric Shelby, Ian Barrow, Sheketa Brown, Carlos Davis, Natalie S. Everett, Armonde Young, Myron Washington, Albert Coleman, Kendrick Brown, Monica Lindsey.

AFROTC Drill Team:

Bottom Row: Noris Thompson, Jennifer Becnel, Ed Gussman, Wendy Brown, Jennifer Heron, Billy Bell, Chad McAdams; Second Row: Michelle Patchett, Eric Turner, Ryan Peterson, Dwayne Perez, John Ball; Back Row: Mickey Evans, Donovan Lewis, Benjamin Langford, Bobby Johnson, Matt Patton.



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The **Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Drill Team** is a precise and highly traditional organization that presents the colors at football games and local events.

Arnold Air Society:

Bottom row: Thomas Springston, Ed Gussman, Ryan Peterson, Wendy Brown, Jennifer Becnel; Back Row: Traci Valez, Eric Turner, Mickey Evans, James Hudnell, Mary Harvey.



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Arnold Air Society recognizes excellence in service within Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

AFROTC Recruiting Team:

Bottom Row: Thomas Springston, Ryan Peterson, John McCollum; Back Row: Curtis Martin, Eric Turner, Jeffery Mitchell, Kevin Williams.



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The **AFROTC** Recruiting team is responsible for informing students about the opportunities available through AFROTC and filling the ranks of the AFROTC program with new recruits.

Angel Flight/Silver Wings:

Bottom row: Joseph Endler, president; Julie McGehee, secretary; Jennifer Ellison, vice president; Lesley Barranco, treasurer; Laura Mabry, chapter division officer; Jill Becnel, activities director; Erica James, assistant activities director; Second row: Jennifer Landrum, Sherry Hollis, Qiana Claiborne, Sandra Washington, Tracy Churchwell, Melanie Bachemin, Kelly Drake, Daphne Patton; Back row: Marla McCradle, Jennifer Trimble, Katrice Smith, Lanita Anderson, Kim Barnes, Rhonda Cubitt, Frank Distel, John Moore, Ashley Turner.



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Angel Flight / Silver Wings is a nationally affiliated service organization that works with the Arnold Air Society, AFROTC, and other Angel Flight chapters on service projects, fund raisers, and conclaves.



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AFROTC Cadre:

Captain Bobby R. Dillon, Asst. Professor of Aerospace Studies; 2nd Lt. Mary R. Jones, Special Asst. to the Commander; Lt. Col. Thomas A. Bucklin, Professor of Aerospace Studies; Mrs. Lenise Young, Secretary; Major Linda K. Matthews, Asst. Professor of Aerospace Studies; MSgt. Kenneth J. Melton, Superintendent; SSgt. Douglas Robinson, NCOIC, Personnel.



Cadet 1st Lt. Amiee Cox takes note as Capt. Bobby Dillon inspects cadet 3rd class Renae Barnes. During open ranks inspection, AFROTC cadets are expected to show perfect appearance, grooming and stance.

Flying *high*

by Jennifer McDonald & Corey Proctor

The world is getting smaller and we are getting closer to what politicians refer to as a "global village." Nonetheless, this does not remove the need for armed forces. The Air Force ROTC program at USM is helping to contribute to the country's future need for trained military personnel.

The ROTC program has been at USM since 1971 and is one of approximately 750 nationwide. Students every semester opt to join the four-year, two-year or one-year programs.

The four-year program begins with a class in general military history and strategy and a leadership lab. During their sophomore year, students go before a competitive board and then either enter a professional officer course, flight training or a professional development program.

The majority of students in ROTC are in the four-year program. Sarah Breon, a sophomore nursing major considers the Air Force as a career option, not just career enhancement.

"For me the Air Force was a way to help pay for school and continue a family tradition. Being in the ROTC program has allowed me to experience a family atmosphere on campus and I'm very excited about beginning my career as a field nurse," said Breon.

Students entering the two- and one-year programs are evaluated using standardized test scores, college major, GPA, a physical examination and personal interview to determine the students who are eligible to enter the program. The main selection criteria for the one-year program is a student's major.

Only about ten students are given commissions upon graduation. Students must maintain a minimum GPA and satisfactory progress made academically and physically.

Submitted by AFROTC



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AFROTC Det 432 Cadet Corps: Front row: John McCollum, Mark Clemmer, Amiee Cox, John McCracken, Lisa Lewis, Jennifer Becnel, Edward Gussman, Wendy Brown, Noris Jackson, Billy Bell, Kevin Williams, Chad McAdams, Ryan Peterson, Stephen Matthews, Jennifer Heron, Noris Thompson; Second row: Thomas Springston, Lateef Ledbetter, Renae Barnes, James Hudwell, Mary Harvey, Traci Velez, Curtis Martin, Donovan Lewis, Gerald Black, Dwayne Perez, John Ball, Michael King, Matt Patton, Shaloka Reed, Demetrius Tillman; Third row: Michelle Patchett, Eric Griffin, Mickey Evans, Bobby Johnson, Eric Turner, Jeffery Mitchell, Benjamin Langford, Deatrice Jackson.

Basic Company:

Front row: John Smith, Charles Carol, Ryan Bice, Antrinetta Hampton; Back row: Michael Entrenkin, Robert Thompson, Aaron Wilson, John Bezeou.



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The **Basic Company** is comprised of freshmen and sophomores. A senior from the Headquarters Company is responsible for their training.

Training Company:

Front row: Nicole Washington, Germaine Harris, Jamila Robinson, Pamela Wheat, Sasha Smith, Dale Corcoran, Kelly Laphand; Second row: Lorieen Jackson, Lisa Robinson, Scott Westen, Kimberly Floyd, Cordis Jordan, Daniel Beeson, S. Diana Amerson, Amiee C. Fletcher, Roshun Robinson, Frank Gonzalez; Back row: Kyle Thompson; Kelly Barker; Steven De Blasio; Verdell Hawkins; Back row: Kerry Ridgley, James Burkes, Johnny Kisner, Craig Sumrall, Jerald Black, Lee Jordan, Paul Fox.



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The **Training Company** consists of Junior cadets. They are prepared through intense training to attend advanced camp during the summer.

Headquarters Company:

Front row: Michael Sims, Lee Latrina, Ju-Junica Gooden, Jonathan Allen, Adrienne McDonald, Michael Fortenberry, Benny Murphy; Back row: Kendrick Mills, Brian Knieriem, Troy Davis, Robert Rivers, Joel Leflore, Andy Ratcliffe, Harry McDonald, Mike Whiddon.



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The seniors of the **Headquarters Company** hold key leadership positions within the ROTC. They are responsible for all ROTC training and evaluation.

Ranger Company:

Front row: Daniel Beeson, Kerry Ridgley, Jonathan Allen, Michael Fortenberry, Benny Murphy; Back Row: Lee Jordan, Andy Ratcliffe, Craig Sumrall, Troy Davis, Michael Whiddon, Cordis Jordan.



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The **Ranger Company** is the most elite of the ROTC program. Cadets volunteer for this honor and responsibility but must maintain extreme discipline during very difficult physical training.



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Scabbard and Blade: Front row: Amiee C. Fletcher, Jamila Robinson, Kimberly Floyd, Ju-Junnica Gooden, Michael Sims, Adrienne McDonald, Benny Murphy; Back row: Lorteen Jackson, Lisa Robinson, Kendrick Mills, Michael Whiddon, S. Diana Amerson, Dale Cocoran, Sasha Smith.



Michael Russell



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Military Science Cadre: Front row: Becky Tew, Dorothy Williamson, LtC Shelia Varnado, Marie Dodd; Back row: MAJ Smith, MAJ Little, CPT Sears, SFC Stevenson, SSG Shird, MSG Pope, SGM Lee.

Army ROTC cadets stand in battalion formation during the change of command ceremony. ROTC cadets continually rotate command positions so that every cadet experiences the difficulties and the rewards of leadership.

Seeking *Perfection*

by Leslie Walker

The Army ROTC program at USM is second to none at providing training and education for future army personnel as well as for students just looking for a challenge.

The mission of the Army ROTC is to provide academic and technical instruction to students so that they can be prepared to handle both military and civilian jobs.

Army training provides students with leadership, mediating, time management, stress management and survival skills.

About 140 students every semester sign up for one of three programs and about 75% receive commissions upon graduation..

The basic course covers a variety of subjects such as physical fitness, survival skills, map reading, leadership development and professional outside activities.

The advanced course features additional instruction in management skills, tactics, ethics and professionalism as an officer.

There are no military obligations until the cadet signs a contract. Cadets train at Camp Shelby during the school year and attend a five-week camp at Fort Lewis, WA. during the summer.

Major Rich Little, associate professor of military science and a former ROTC cadet, has been at USM for almost three years and sees definite advantages to enrolling in the program.

"The things our cadets learn prepare them not only to be some of the best officers, but puts them a step ahead of the average college student," said Little.

Before graduation, qualified students receive commissions as second lieutenants in either the U.S. Army, Army National Guard or the Army Reserve.

American Marketing Association



The **American Marketing Association** fosters scientific study and research in the field of marketing.

Association of Baptist Students:

First row: Adriane Medenwald, Valerie Cole; Last row: Joel Dorman, President: Jeremy Breakfield, Charles Shuemaker.



The **Association of Baptist Students** provides traditional religious fellowship. ABS is student-led and funded by the Missionary Baptists.

Association of Information Technology Professionals:

First row: Sherrye Gatlin, treasurer; Joy Greer, president; Linh Dang, Ritesh Patel Ram, Dr. Donna Davis, faculty sponsor; Second row: Anitra Blake, Jessica Abston, Rumiko Matsumoto, Wai Sam Yong; Third Row: Candice Keyes, Shelly Odem, Shevalian Ware, Angela Ladner; Last row: Gregory V. White, Kevin S. Logan, Jason Smith, Bryan Morris, Frederick Jordan.



The **Association of Information Technology Professionals** unites members of professions that involve the control and processing of information.

Baptist Student Union Leaders:

Michael Ball, Kris Walters, Dawn Smith, Lloyd Lunceford



The Staff and Interns at the **Baptist Student Union** seek to provide stability and Christian leadership for BSU students.



Lucy Pope

Criminal Justice Association Officers: Dr. William B. Taylor, advisor; Lisamarie Lien, coordinator; Kenneth Smith, vice president; Kelly McGill, treasurer; Johanna Speer, president.



Criminal Justice Association Advisor, **Dr. Don Cabana** (left) talks with **Senator Trent Lott** at the association's Spring Banquet

Keeping *order*

by Contina Quinn

The Criminal Justice Association serves as a liaison between the university and the law enforcement community. Members are students who have demonstrated a strong interest in the criminal justice field, ranging from freshmen to graduate students.

Their main goal this year has been to change the image of the criminal justice field. Johanna Speer, president, believes that some students think that criminal justice has been labeled as a "good ol' boy society."

"We are trying to get more minorities involved in the field. We work with the Afro-American Student Organization during Crime Prevention week and try to make ourselves visible on campus," said Speer.

Some of their activities include serving as big brothers/big sisters for the Boys and Girls club of Hattiesburg. CJA also works with the Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA members serve as the voice for abused children who are too young or scared to testify in court cases. CJA also works with the Rape Crisis Center.

CJA also plans several activities that serve the social and information needs of its members. CJA sponsors football tailgating and a Christmas party. The annual spring banquet and forum help students to learn more about CJA and how they can become actively involved.

Being a member of CJA has several benefits. CJA serves as a network that connects members to future employers. Each month a keynote speaker is invited to speak to students about criminal justice. These speakers include representatives from the CIA, DEA and FBI. Notable judges and district attorneys such as Richard Douglass and Tommy Zebert as well as Mississippi Public Commissioner Curt Herbert have been prior guests.

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Lucy Pope

Criminal Justice Association: First row: Kenneth Smith, Lisamarie Lien, Megan Pratts, Kelly McGill, Johanna Speer, Jeff Stewart; Second row: Carey Brown, Monica White, Marla Steele, Janice McLaughlin, Ann Allmeroth, Michelle Shanks, Sherri Thomas; Last row: Jody Diaz, Misty Lewis, Edna Willingham, Kendra Pittman, Cathy Ventura, Gary Thigpen, Debbie Walker, Vickie Lee, Claire Gremillion, Nina Carroll, Keffera Stokes, Christopher Heath, John Harless.

Baptist Student Union: Survival Weekend '97. Before the beginning of school each year, the BSU hosts a weekend program to help orient freshmen and other new students to religious life at USM.



Students involved in the **BSU** gather weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays for fellowship and worship, as well as for other special events throughout the year.

Beta Gamma Sigma:

Front row: Kerri Provenza, Tongyan Li, Charlotte Denton; Misty McAllister, Heather Butler; Julie Simmons, Christie Bass, Kristine Holley; Rebecca Timmins, vice president; Jessica Miley; Carla Glenn; Amy White; Wendy James; Amanda Smoots; Kim-Huong Nguyen; Kimberly Jackson; Back row: George Van Zant, Grady Byrd, Adrian Stuart, William Suckley, advisor; Jason Corkern, president; Christopher J. Rasmussen; Scott Province; Ben Brien; Ronald G. Anglin; Back row: Carl-Johan Nugstrom; Jeff Brumfield; Tim Starling; Kirby Lambert; David Masters; Ion Mixon.



Beta Gamma Sigma is the premiere honorary fraternity for programs accredited by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business.

Billiards Association:

Front row: John Burks, advisor; Ureasta Edwards, Umekia L. Walls, Michael C. Robinson, Erick Morgan, Jamal Henry, Nicosia Sutton; Back row: DeJuan Ratliff, Benny Eaton, Eric Griffin, Cedric Shelby, Donta Moreland, Michael Gordon.



Monty Lowe

The **Billiards Association** is a recreational organization whose members enjoy gathering together to hone their billiard skills while spending time with friends.

Bolton Hall Council:

Front row: Melissa Spera, secretary; Christina Watts, president; Canvass Walker, vice president; Birtina Clayburn, treasurer; Back row: Lanette Hall, third floor representative; Eva Greer, fourth floor representative; Amanda Wade, residence hall association representative; Avanti Brahmachari, advisor.



Jennifer Perry

The **Bolton Hall Council** is the voice of the residents of Bolton Hall to the RHA and the SGA, enabling residents to express comments, ideas, and opinions on residence life.



Bert King

Gamma Beta Phi Officers: Front row: Susan Sanders, historian; Melissa Scholes, corespondant secretary; Angela Baum, vice president; Rusty Anderson, advisor; Back row: Jennifer Wilson, treasurer; Rebecca Timmins, reporter; Tasha Fillingane, recording secretary; Jennifer Ellison, president.



Rebecca Timmins

Members of Gamma Beta Phi enjoy a much deserved pizza party to celebrate another successful year of serving others.

Serving *others*

by Marla McCardle & Rebecca Timmins

Scholarship, service and character become the watchwords for new members inducted each spring into the Gamma Beta Phi honor society.

Gamma Beta Phi exists to recognize and encourage excellence in education, leadership and character.

"I have been part of other honor societies at USM, but none compare to Gamma Beta Phi. This honor society gives you a chance to work with the community and make a difference through service projects," said public relations major Amber Manus.

Gamma Beta Phi has approximately 450 members--making this one of the largest groups on campus. USM's chapter of Gamma Beta Phi was founded in February 1965 and is the fourth oldest chapter in existence.

Gamma Beta Phi is a national collegiate honor and service organization that extends membership to only the top 20% of each class. Official invitations of membership are extended only once. Active members of Gamma Beta Phi are required to remain in the top 30% of their class.

"It's not just something to put on a resume. We want to instill and foster leadership and help students develop a sense of community," said advisor Rusty Anderson.

Annual service projects include donating food to the local Humane Society, working with Christian services, initiating a Christmas toy drive and collection for Ellisville state school, organizing faculty/staff appreciation day, singing for local nursing homes and volunteering at the public library.

Members were very excited about hosting the 1998 Gamma Beta Phi Mississippi State Convention. Officers and members from across the state attended.

The USM chapter has been awarded a distinguished ranking for 11 of the past 13 years on campus. This is the highest honor a chapter can receive.



Gamma Beta Phi: Front row: Joi Carter; Chanda Roberts; Ursula Miller; Rebecca Timmins; Jennifer Wilson; Angela Baum; Jennifer Ellison; Melissa Schols; Sherrye Gatlin; Ayanna Batiste; Brigitte Decoteau; Alyson Demouy; Hildie Syverson; Jamie Ross; Second row: Alex Burns; Tonya Butler; Pamela Lang; Lazaire Bradley; Stacey Haskin; Megan O'Toole; Shannon Kolb; Amanda Brown; Laura McInnis; Lolly Brewer; Rhoda Rhoades; Holly Graham; Amanda Joy Boyles; Michelle Hill; Stacy Sassano; Heather Acton; David De Blasio; Back Row: Kristen Bonnett; Rebecca Thornell; Kimberly Johnston; Loryn Davis; Reginald Barnes, Jr.; Lori Hedrick; Michael Taffaro; Harn-Cherng Shiue; Stephanie Williams; Melissa Dowdy; Steven De Blasio; Gina Gibbs; Rusty Anderson; Tara Denson.

**Business Student
Advisory Council:**

Front row: Debbie Hill, advisor; Jamey Capers, secretary; Mary Marjorie Cowser, president; Back row: Margaret Ross; Rebecca Timmins; Costas Conner; Josh Jussely; Carl Corkern; Sidnette Wade.



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The **Business Student Advisory Council** is comprised of selected members of each departmental area and the CBA business organizations which serve as liason to the dean.

**Canterbury
Fellowship:**

Front row: Kate Charbonneau, president; Matt Moris, Kathryn Howell, Emily Graham, Sarah Stroud, Melissa Shoemaker; Back Row: Ian Williams, Reverend Paul Pradat, Jamie Burnett, vice president.



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The **Canterbury Fellowship** is the campus organization for USM's Episcopalian students.

Catholic Student Association:

Front row: Christopher Forsyth, Leah Harper, Rebecca Madere, Tiffany Hymel, Shannon Kolb, Alyson Demouy, Lauren Landry, Tony Behan, Philip Wright; Second Row: Vanja Ljiljak, Yvette Lachute, Elizabeth Laferty, Jennifer Heron, Sarah Goldsmith, Lisa Marineir, Jennifer Bertucci, Bridgette Decoteau, Cybil Kamien, Robin Pierrotti, Sister Annette Seymour, advisor; Amy Orr; Back row: Jake Achee, Rodolfo Cortez, Paul Butler, Amiee Cox, John Bizette, Brian Byrne, Patrick McLaughlin, Roxanne Zoghby, Rodney Este.



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The members of the **Catholic Student Association** aim to enrich their own lives and to have an impact on the lives of others through the ministry.

Chi Tau Epsilon

Members of Chi Tau Epsilon stretch before dance practice to avoid injuries. Members not only concentrate on how to perform well, they also learn how to perform safely.



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Chi Tau Epsilon is a national dance honor society that promotes a greater appreciation of modern dance as an art form.



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Golden Key Officers: Front row: David Deblasio, assistant vice president; Michelle Copello, vice president; Rebecca Timmons, president; Back row: Mary Dayne Greg, advisor; Audrey Fowler, treasurer, Melinda Lyman, recording secretary.



Sisters Melissa Timmins, Louisiana Tech Golden Key president, and Rebecca Timmins, USM Golden Key president share a moment with Founder and Executive Director James W. Lewis during Golden Key's 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Setting *examples*

by Alice Daughtry

Top juniors and seniors from all academic fields are united together as part of the Golden Key National Honor Society which provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, career networking and scholarships.

More than 150 traditional and nontraditional students are currently members of Golden Key's USM chapter. Membership is limited to the top 15% of upperclassmen in the university.

"Golden Key is not just an honor society," said Rebecca Timmins, second-year president. "It's an opportunity to serve in the community and in on-campus activities."

In the past year, Golden Key has been active on campus and in the surrounding community--assisting with USM's Sexual Assault Candlelight Vigil, co-sponsoring a date auction for the Humane Society, participating in USM's Halloween Carnival, working on the adopt-a-plot program and holding Christmas and skating parties for the Hattiesburg Boys and Girls Club.

Also, Golden Key's Best of America program, a national alcohol and drug-prevention campaign, used scenes and testimonies to encourage the youth at the Boys and Girls Club to say no to drugs.

This fall, USM's chapter was one of eleven chapters chosen from 259 across the nation to receive the 1997 Most Improved Chapter award. Also, USM's chapter was one of the eight campus honors organizations to be inducted in the Hall of Honors in the Student Union.

"Golden Key is a nationally recognized honor society that opens opportunity for leadership development and career assistance to its members," said Mary Gregg, Golden Key advisor.

Each year, Golden Key awards \$200 scholarships to two outstanding members and members are eligible to receive one of the ten \$10,000 graduate scholarships given nationally.



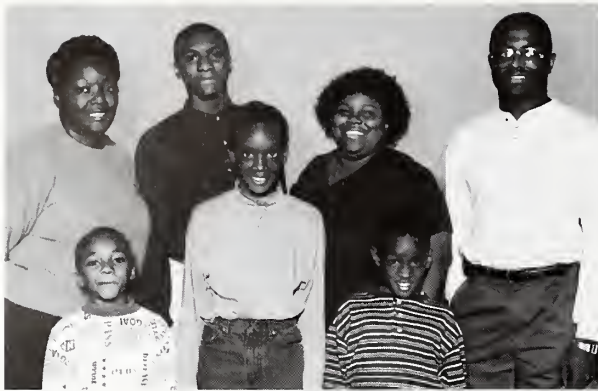
Amy Wolfe

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Golden Key National Honor Society: Front row: Mary Dayne Gregg, Advisor; Rebecca Timmins, Audrey Fowler, Melinda Lyman; Back row: Monica Sanders, Kristen Barnes, Megan O'Toole, Harn Cherng Shiue, Fred Asher, Victoria Ullery, Kenyatta Coles, Christina Gates, SandyRancoli.

Church of God in Christ Fellowship:

Front row: Brandon Williamson, Jasmine Williamson, Christopher Williamson; Back row: Vanessa Baule, co-advisor; Grady McDonald, president; Melissa Carpenter, co-advisor; Obbie Williams.



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The Church of God in Christ Fellowship provides opportunities for students to learn more about their religious and spiritual faith.

College Republicans:

Front row: Eric Langevin, chairman; Stephanie Temple, secretary; Faye Davidson, advisor; Second row: Laura Carrubba, Lauren Dorsett, Bethany George, Leigh McArthur, Brian Byrne, Katherine Clancy, Joanna Wimprine, Aimee Abernathy, Tara Stevens; Back Row: Betsy Sheffield, Hanry Adams, Amanda Ory, Jill Hamilton, Simon Hardy, Brittany Gore, Troy Odom, Stephanie Williams, Mark J. Sprinkle.



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College Republicans work to inform the student body about Republican ideals and goals and act as liasons between the student body and Republican candidates.

Diamond Darlings:

Front row: Tanya Moore, co-captain; Nicol Powell, co-captain; Adriane Medenwald, co-captain; Second row: Lara McKee, Hannah Sosa, Jennifer Ainsworth, Lucy Dews, Leigh Abbey, Rosa Watts, Jacqueline Moak, Jeanna Runnels, Sarah Bonner, Lori Reigle, Nicole Walker, Rebecca Pruett, Michelle Snow, Sarah Scarle, Jennifer Williamson, Heather Buckley, Kelli Anders; Back row: Jennelles Weaver, Julie Summers, Shea Herrington, Ashley Shelton, Jessi Parisi, Michelle Boudreaux, Molly Denson, Shelly Reeves, Jennifer Forbes, Kathy McWhorter, Mindy Abshier, Sabrina Miller, Brooke Brannan, Amy Yarborough, Staci Stephens.



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The **Diamond Darlings** assist and support the baseball team by bolstering the spirit of the crowd to motivate each player to perform to his best ability.

Eagle Connection:

Front row: Adriane Medenwald, Barat Schexnandre, Jennifer Clark, Emily Henderson, Stephanie Temple, Jeanna Runnels; Back row: Rad Lang, Buffy King, Kristie Pearce, Valerie Ogden, Nicole Walker, Amie Hill, Scott Hall.



Jennifer Perry

Eagle Connection provides a student's perspective of campus life at USM, aiding the recruiting efforts of the Office of Admissions and Recruitment.

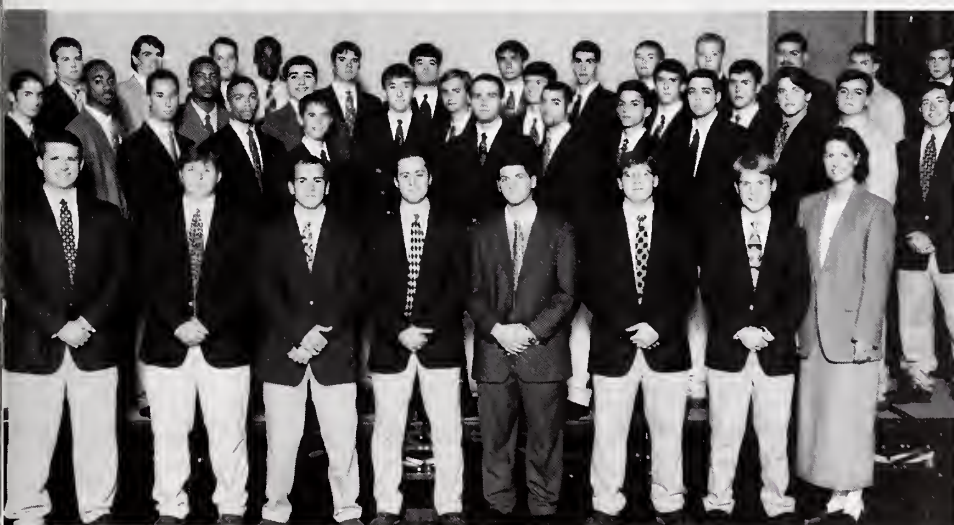


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Interraternity Council Officers: Front row: Mike Trouard, Vice President; Ricardo Vita, President; Dustin Oubre, Secretary; Alicia Jackson, Coordinator of Greek Life; Back row: Eric Stephens, Treasurer; Cris Dizagle, Rush Chairman; Aaron Hill, Public Relations; Scott Thompson, Executive Assistant.



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Interfraternity Council: Front row: Scott Thompson ΣΦΕ, Eric Stephens ΠΚΑ, Mike Trouard ΚΣ, Ricardo Vita ΑΤΩ, Chris Diagle ΣΧ, Dustin Oubre ΦΚΤ, Aaron Hill ΔΤΔ, Alicia Jackson IFC; Second row: Dennis O'Brien ΣΦΕ, Alvis Wright ΑΦΑ, Matt Peale ΣΝ, Reggie Barnes ΑΦΑ, Eric Scott ΣΧ, John Zimmer ΣΝ, Bobby Rushing ΦΚΤ, Scott Heckler ΑΤΩ, Nick Bova ΚΣ, Troy Odom ΑΤΩ, Chad Doleac ΣΑΕ, Zack Nobles ΣΑΕ; Last row: Kendrick Washington ΑΦΑ, Jeremy Barbot ΣΦΕ, Robert Fischer ΣΝ, Chris Morgan ΦΚΤ, Ryan Derbes ΑΤΩ, Eric Robinson ΦΚΤ; Back row: Willis Jones ΣΝ, Mike Dussouy ΚΑ, Paul Gottlieb ΚΑ, Janon Redmond ΚΑΨ, Jon Mikovick ΠΚΑ, Stewart Heard ΠΚΑ, Kyle Smith ΣΧ, Shawn Potter ΔΤΔ, Ashley Sullivan ΣΑΕ, Steven Jones ΔΤΔ, Danny Bougerie ΤΚΕ, Jarod Hopkins ΠΚΦ, J. Deranville ΠΚΦ.

IFC members, along with Alicia Jackson, coordinator of Greek Life, display their awards from Interfraternity Conference: the Fraternal Excellence Award, and the Most Outstanding New Program Award for the creation of Mocktoberfest.

Guiding *greek*s

by Chris Morgan

The Interfraternity Council is a seven-member board of Greek leaders who represent the 15 fraternities at USM. The IFC is responsible for the development of the fraternity system as a whole as well as helping the individual chapters maintain standards of excellence.

The IFC hosts different events throughout the year to guide fraternities. One such event was Mocktoberfest. Mocktoberfest, held on campus October 12-18, was a week-long commitment on behalf of fraternity and sorority members to abstain from alcohol for an entire week. This event did more than show those involved in the Greek system that alcohol was not the focal point of fraternities and sororities, it also won the IFC award for Outstanding New Programming at a recent conference in Atlanta, GA.

The Southeastern Interfraternity Conference was a four-day gathering for fraternities throughout the southeastern United States. The men from USM were also awarded the Fraternal Excellence award for going above and beyond what the national office requires an Interfraternity Council to accomplish.

Another program which aided the IFC's success was IMPACT weekend. This program was a chance for tomorrow's leaders of the Greek system to share ideas about improving the future of the program. It also taught the participants to put stereotypes of other groups aside and focus on building unity in the Greek family.

Scott Thompson, IFC president, believes that great strides have been made in the last several months to improve the effectiveness of all Greeks.

"The Greeks at USM have far-reaching potential to lead others and make this university better."

Exercise Physiology Club:

First row: La Bon Jones, secretary; Kevin Reed, vice president; Julie Davis, president; Kendal Bates, treasurer; Last row: Latrine Gibbs; Todd Whitewood; Katrice Smith; Eilene Delle; Banessa Sandi; Yvette Lachute; Angie Cleveland; Shannon Tortorici.



The **Exercise Physiology Club** strives to promote fitness and the importance of exercise to the campus and community and to expand member's knowledge and job opportunities.

Gamma Sigma Alpha:

First row: Laurie Loggins, Suzie Francingues, Heidi Morgan, Kelli Carter, Adriane Medenwald, Asha DePolo, Debbie Monti, Julie Heitzmann, Nicole Walker, Kristen Barnes, vice-president; Rebecca Timmins, president; Megan Lehman, Laura McInnis, Amy Prestridge, Keri Cothorn, Traci Reinhart, Heather Stamper, Beth White, Casey Guyton, Daniel Beeson, Andy Ratchiff; Last row: Brad Rukes, John Murphy, Scott Thompson, Dawn Kennedy, Kimberly Grant, Tina Sanders, Travis Coakley, Fred R. Vinet, David DeBlasio, Adelle Bagget, Melanie Jones, Hannah Erwin, Pam Walker, Heather Berke, Catherine Smith, Rachel Lemoine, Olivia Hamil, Jacqueline Moak, Susan Green



Gamma Sigma Alpha is a national Greek academic honorary which recognizes greeks who have attained 3.5 or better grade point averages.

Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual Organization:

First row: Mary Antonelli, vice president; Vanesha Kelley, treasurer, Heather Murray, president; Brenda Henson, ombuds person; Andrea Hewitt, advisor; Zea Askew, mascot; Last row: Miekko Kikuchi; Kimberly McShepard; Wanda Henson, Marideth Sisco; Mattie Carlin; Suzan Riley.



By providing support and participating in campus events **GLBSO** members take an active role in educating students on alternative lifestyles.

Golden Eagle Student Fellowship/Salvation Army:

First row: Ralph Britain, President. Last row: Tammy Matlock, Vice President; Carolyn Nichols, Captain.



The **Golden Eagle Student Fellowship** provides fellowship opportunities for traditional and non-traditional students.



Lambda Sigma Society Officers: Brittany Reid, treasurer; Rebecca Prewitt, vice president; Kim Ball, president; Ashley Padilla, secretary.



Lambda Sigma members **Parah Gatchell** and **Mimi Riviere** lend a hand at the UAC Halloween Carnival. The carnival was an excellent opportunity for members to promote the service aspect of the organization.

Honoring *others*

by Contina Quinn

Lambda Sigma is a national honor society for sophomore students who have maintained a 3.0 overall GPA during their freshmen year and have held leadership positions. The purpose of Lambda Sigma is to promote leadership, scholarship, fellowship and fun.

The membership process is extremely selective--about 300 applications are submitted each year and only about 40 are chosen.

President Kim Ball explains that they have to be selective so that Lambda Sigma can have members who are ready for the hard work involved.

"We have three or four selection rounds and a final interview. Most people who make it that far can work hard and handle the extra work that Lambda Sigma will add to their schedule."

The Alpha Delta chapter kicks off every semester with a fling. Each member is invited to come enjoy food, games and fun. This gathering gives them the opportunity to get to know each other and plan events for the semester.

October usually brings the first signs that Hattiesburg is not always sunny and is also noted as the month that students settle in and get their first twinges of homesickness. Lambda Sigma helps to alleviate this by preparing care packages for freshmen and delivering them to their rooms. Another October event in which Lambda Sigma participated was the annual Halloween Carnival for the kids of Pinehaven.

"I don't know who had more fun, us or the kids," said vice-president Rebecca Prewitt as she recalls the smiles of the kids.

Another major event is a social at Lake Sehoy in conjunction with the Freshmen Associates of the Student Government Association.

Kim Ball and Barbara Ross, advisor and National Editor for Lambda Sigma, represented USM's chapter at the national convention. The chapter received the Honor Chapter certificate.



Lambda Sigma Society: First row: Robert Sanders; Laura Ford; Barbara Ross; Brittany Reid, Kim Ball, Rebecca Prewitt, Ashley Padilla, Laura McInnis, Brooks Moore, Sean Campbell; Second Row: Alex Burns; Ricardo Woods; Rebecca Thornell; Cotina Quinn; Kelly Priest; Verdell Hawkins; Nicole Walker; Rebecca Boudreaux; Julie Heitzman; Alyson Demouy; Third row: Jason Cooley; John Ball; Rebecca Boudreaux; Gina Gibbs; Reginald Barnes; Lance Brown; Kurtis Breitekamp; Last row: Todd Gremillion; Rad Lang; Nathaniel Anderson; David Smith; Mohammed Ali.

Greek Seekers: First row: Parker Inabnet, treasurer; Stephanie Temple, trip coordinator; Chris Moore, President; Second row: Anne Argus, Jane Griffin, Kimberly Ball, Rebecca Prewitt, Lyn Walls, Megan Coney, Kelly Priest, Sherry Walker, Sherri Swager, Jeanna Runnels, Lance Hancock; Last row: Barat Schexnaidre, Sarah Daniell, Curtis Matherne, Brent Greenwald, Shane McCarthy.



Bert King

Greek Seekers is a recruiting organization for the greek system.

Habitat for Humanity: First row: Eric Backes, Harn-Cherng Shiue, vice president; Last row: Sara Glorencie, Shannon Williams, Holly Graham, president.



Bert King

Habitat for Humanity is composed of people of many races and faiths who work closely with the Hattiesburg chapter to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness.

Honors Student Association:

First row: Dave Taylor, treasurer; Harn Cherng-Shuie, vice president; Scott Anderson, secretary; Steven Daughtry, president; Second row: Stacy Fielder, Emily Hindrichs, Corey Hinshaw, Leigh Abbey, Sam Simmons, Alex Burns, Lorraine Dubuisson, Gretchen Rau, Amelia Robinson, Anneliese Padlan, Monica Azzolini, Islay Burgess, Julie Cameron; Last row: Lonnie Edgar, Mohammad Ali, Kyle Bray, Joey Reed, Kacy Redd, Mignon Keaton, Jennifer Heideman, Kathryn Smith, David Presken.



Bert King

The **Honors Student Association** plans activities for Honors College students and represents Southern Miss at all honors conferences.

Hospitality Management Club:

First row: Megan Andres, Courtney Zito, Kelcie McKinley, Kim Berrigan, Julie Miller, Amy Arnemann, Melanie Hampton, Stephen Mitchell; Last row: Chris Sanders, Ed Monroe, Duncan Njuguna, Daniel Gabourel, Russ Archer, resident; Sara Bailey, Jen Buchanan, Olan Dollar.



Bert King

The **Hospitality Management Club** provides hotel, restaurant and tourism majors with valuable links to industry and service organizations.



Bert King

NAACP Officers: First row: Melissa Carpenter, assistant secretary/membership; Kendrick Washington, finance; LaTonya Robinson, president; Last row: Myya Durden, community service; Roshun Robinson, vice president; Tirraxe Hickman, secretary.



Jennifer Perry

During the NAACP's March Unity Rally, representatives from the National Pan-Hellenic Council entertained the crowds with a step show.

Achieving *unity*

by Leslie Walker

Mississippi has a rich and varied past that has included some of the most groundbreaking events in history. Wars have been fought by citizens in both the streets and the courts for equal jobs, education and housing. Our state is stronger in both livability and economic ability because we have moved past the hate and mistakes of the early years of this country.

The approximately 200 members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People comprise one of the largest organizations on campus. Members work with the state chapter to continually improve race relations and work to ensure fair representation for everyone in government, schools and jobs.

The NAACP helps to educate a "priceless commodity" from a very early age. Every Monday, members operate a literacy program for students at Earl Travillon Elementary School. The NAACP's focus is to increase awareness of candidates' platforms and voter registration, especially at the local level.

Various speakers, such as Wendell Paris, Sr., NAACP state field director, encourage students to stay focused on the ultimate goal instead of expecting immediate results.

"Mr. Paris was a dynamic speaker. I think his speech really benefitted everyone who attended the program. Many college students have not had the opportunity to interact with someone who was directly involved in the Civil Rights Movement," said Jennifer McDonald, president of the student chapter of the NAACP.

The NAACP helps students register to vote and provides transportation to local precincts. The NAACP also travels within the community in an effort to educate the less fortunate, young adults and older voters: all of which are less likely to vote.



Bert King

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: First row: Melissa Carpenter, Myya Durden, LaToya Robinson, Terrase Hickman, Kendrick Washington; Second row: Brian Henderson, Trae Brown, Cedric Shelby, Jahmeela Weston, Christie Scott, Angela Washington, LaToya Edwards, Shamekia Williams, Ayanna Batiste, Petrina Jones, La'Quanta Watson, Andrew Clark, Patrick Gray, Chandrae Terry; Last row: Abe Hudson, Jennifer McDonald, Ricardo Woods, Twana Rodgers, Brandy Casey, Xorica Adams, Latoria Hurd, Umeeka Walls, Prescella Smith, Shaquila Jones, Alvis Wright II, Kendrick Mills.

I.E.E.E.:

First row: Eugene Snipes, co-chair; Matt Canfield, co-chair; Earl Shelby, vice-chair; Larry Hall, treasurer. Last row: Rick Ormingo, Chad Sneed, West Bland, James Miller, Rhoda Rhoades, Harold Bushy, Wayne Miller; Last row: Steve Edmonds, Cecil Harrison, Trey Smith, William Russell, faculty advisor.



Bert King

The **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers** promotes the development of electrotechnology and allied sciences.

Junior Greek Council:

First row: Mike Trouard, Racheal Shannon, Gina Fischer, Eric Scott, Laree Lyle, Meagan Lehman; Second row: Martina Pope, Melissa Pruett, Stacy Haskin, Vicki Walker, Niki Case, Natahe Mann, Trey Wheeler, Rebecca Boudreaux, Laree Lyle, Aimee Abernathy, Margaret Hanes, Erica Staiger, Katie Childress, Melissa Hebert, Aimee Vairin, Sam Marsalis, Drew Torgeson; Last row: Jason Priest, Ben Floyd, Joey Reed, Jeremy Barbot, Steven Jones, Vincent Maenzo, Wesley Boudreaux, Charlie Allo, John Zimmer, Robert Fischer, Scott Hecker, Nick Bradner, Jay Henderson.



Bert King

The **Junior Greek Council** is composed of three freshmen delegates from each fraternity and sorority.

Lambda Pi Eta:

First row: Dr. Suan Siltanen, advisor; Stephen Byrd co-president; Jennifer Tregre, treasurer; Assron Hill, co-president; Last row: Mandy Witcher, Kim Lambert, Mark Lambert, Angela McDaniel, Michelle Manley, Stacy Vincent.



Mike Mitchell

Lambda Pi Eta is an honor society for speech communication majors.



Mike Mitchell

Panhellenic Council Executive Board: First row: Susan Williams, rush chairman; Courtney Zito, Panhellenic President; Jamie Davis, treasurer; Nicole Powell, parliamentarian; Last row: Laurie Daniel, secretary; Anne Argus, public relations; Leigh Herrington, philanthropy chairman; Megan Lehman, vice president.



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During the Panhellenic Impact Retreat, **Brad Rukes**, ΣΦΕ, **Lazaire Bradley**, AKA, **Kelcie McKinley**, KΔ, and **Jenni Kiser**, XΩ, enjoy getting to know each other.

Supporting *sisterhood*

by Leslie Walker

The Panhellenic Council exists to enhance the purpose of USM's sororities--to offer women the opportunity of life long friendships in a social and academic setting.

Each sorority elects one delegate to the council based on individual requirements such as GPA, number of hours completed at USM and campus involvement. Then, seven officers are chosen.

The Panhellenic Council works with the Interfraternity Council and the Junior Greek Council to interpret the rules of the various national chapters and also to enforce infractions of these rules. Punishments range from verbal warnings to expulsion of the chapter from campus.

"The Council hasn't had any major problems with the sororities. The most we've ever had to administer were fines and community service," said Brittany Keaton, public relations chair.

The Panhellenic Council is responsible for coordinating activities for all of the sororities on campus. They assist with recruitment, community service and notify sororities of campus-wide activities. Proposals for the inclusion of new chapters is also decided by the Council.

A major project this year was Mocktoberfest. This week-long event celebrated the many activities that could be enjoyed without alcohol. Bowling, laser tag and baseball games were spaced between speeches by local law enforcement officers about the dangers and consequences of drinking and driving. Local sponsors provided food and reduced rates.

"Even though things were definitely a success, we hope that next year Mocktoberfest will be even bigger," said Keaton.

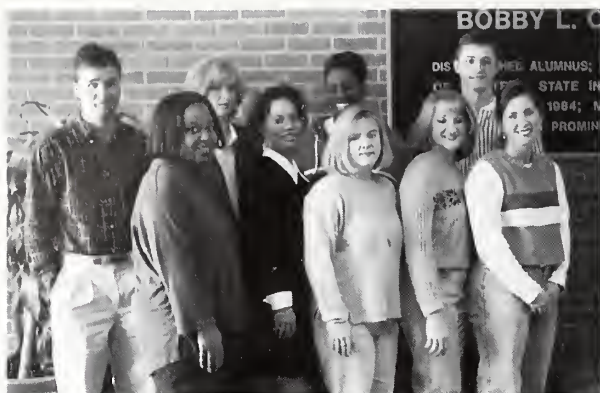


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Panhellenic Council: Front Row: Rachel Shannon, KAΘ; Jamie Davis, ΠΒΦ; Nicol Powell, XΩ; Megan Lehman, XΩ; Courtney Zito, KΔ; Laurie Daniel, KΔ; Anne Argus, ΑΔΠ; Susan Williams, ΦΜ; Leigh Herrington, ΠΒΦ; Alicia Jackson, ΣΚ; Second Row: Brandi Jones, KΔ; Angela Diachara, ΔΔΔ; Katie Shurtleff, ΑΔΠ; Kristin Barnes, XΩ; Liza Ward, ΔΓ; Laura McInnis, XΩ; Cristi Beck, ΦΜ; Kelcie McKinley, KΔ; Last row: Margaret Ross, ΑΔΠ; Cori Allen, KΔ; Heather Berke, ΔΔΔ; Sutton Myers, ΦΜ; Lazaire Bradley, AKA; Rebecca Timmins, ΑΔΠ.

Medical Technology Club:

Front row: Reba Ingram, Michell McElroy, President; Rachael Lyon, Angela Jones, LeAnn Parish; Back row: Morris Ainsworth, Judy Brantley, Marthen Gethers, Jon Dykes



Monty Lowe

The **Medical Technology Club** promotes further interest and education of students pursuing a career in medical technology.

National Association of

Home Builders: Front row: George Mathis, advisor; Melissa James, vice preesident; Tony Steinhauer; Scott Gilmore; Danny Johnson; Back row: Terri Lynn Hendon; Trent Edwards, president; Danny Kavanagh; Tim Delrie.



Bert King

The **National Association of Home Builders** is dedicated to students who have an interest in and want to work in the home building industry upon graduation from USM.

National Pan-Hellenic

Council: Front row: Alvis Wright II, President; Margaret Richardson, Secretary; Yolanda Bell, vice president, Laterica Hudson, Treasurer; Eric Blanks; Back row: Lisa Bowie, Candace Chew, Katrice Smith, Ken Washington, Reggie Taylow, Janon Redment



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The **National Pan-Hellenic Council** is an African-American organization which strives to achieve the goals and objectives of the African-American Greek groups on campus.

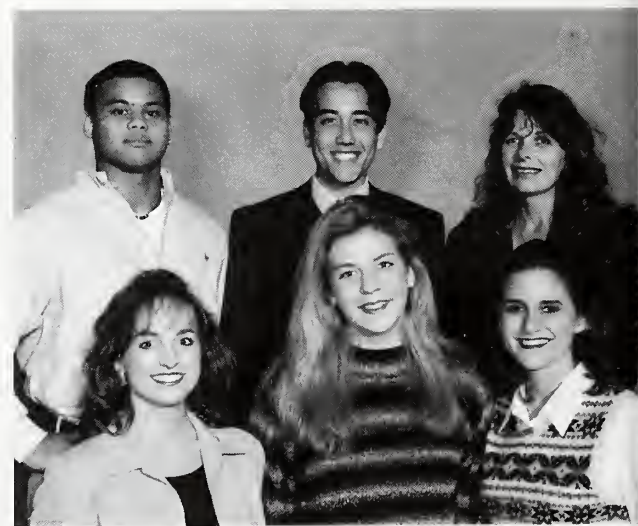
Nurses Working for Cultural Diversity:

Front row: Leann Morgan; Cynthia Mishlan; Kay Hobson, co-advisor; Sharyn Janes, co-advisor; Charlotte Moody; Second row: Vonda Echols; Linda Williamson; Laura Kehoe; Valencia Giles; Rachelle Dunn; Ashley Whitaker; Lydia Alba; Stephanie Ratliff; Back row: Harry Janes; Ralph Britain; Tim Lott.



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Nurses Working for Cultural Diversity hope to assist future nurses to recognize and value differences among groups of people and consider the implications for health care in the 21st century.



Bert King

P.A.C.E.R.S. Officers: Front row: Joy Hamilton, Kassie Coleman, Rachel Lemoine; Back row: Rommel Morales, William Onate; Debra Carr, Advisor.



P.A.C.E.R.S. members Patricia Duplantis, Stacy Butler, Rachel Bainum and Lynn Fortman show off their "Condoms" during Sexual Responsibility Awareness week.

Stepping *forward*

by Misty L. Knight

There is a program of assistance, counseling, education, and resources for students at USM. In other words, the P.A.C.E.R.S.

The P.A.C.E.R.S. are student volunteers who are trained to provide outreach services to USM students as well as the community. The purpose of the group is to help students live healthier and more productive lives through skills enhancement, education, intervention and referral sources.

"We offer an advantage to the student body because they can relate to us," said Willy Onate, P.A.C.E.R.S. president. "It's a great organization that can really help students with problems."

The organization was founded eight years ago in an effort to provide the USM student body with peer counselors who would also offer programming on important issues.

"We constantly get requests from residence halls and organizations to present programs on issues such as time management, study skills and alcohol or drug abuse," said P.A.C.E.R.S. advisor Debra Carr.

According to Carr, the group has developed presentations about conflict resolution, money management, self esteem enhancement and many other topics. The organization has also hosted Sexual Responsibility Awareness Week, Alcohol Awareness Week and Eating Disorder Awareness Week on campus.

"The most powerful program I can remember presenting this year was during Eating Disorder Awareness week," said Onate. "Students really responded to the information we shared."

P.A.C.E.R.S. also travel to area schools to present programs and help develop peer leadership organizations.

"As a member of P.A.C.E.R.S., I have learned to perpetually keep an open mind--they have given me a priceless gift," said Onate.



William Onate

Bert King

P.A.C.E.R.S.: Front row: Rommel Morales, Joy Hamilton, Rachel Lemoine, Kassie Coleman, William Onate, Debra Carr, Second row: Amber Williamson, Stacy Butler, Sara Ladner, Karen Crawford, Shrona Butler, Patricia Duplantis, Shellie Parchman, Third row: Franci Lee, Cindy Earle, Candace Gibson, Roshun Robinson, Rachel Banium, Kevin Booth, Jana Moser, Lyn Fortmann, Back row: Nancy Poindexter, James Burkes, Scott Angle, Michelle Armstrong, Lance Brown, Jennie Little, Carmen Smith, Ryan Apsiron.

Omicron Delta Kappa:

First row: Tara McCrink-Burcham, Andrea Lester, vice president; Laura McInnis, president; Aaron Hill, treasurer; Second row: Brooks Moore, Sara Gilmore, Katherine Clancy, Charlotte Denton, Annette Thayer, Rebecca Timmins, David De Blasio, Angela Jones, Angela Goodwin, Gretchen Zehender; Last row: Cathy Prevost, Lolly Brewer, Billy Leach, Lisa Ciccarelli, John Graham.



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ODK is a national leadership honorary which recognizes students who have excelled in leadership, scholarship, service, and athletics.

Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Freshmen Men:

Charles Isaminger, Nabil Ali, Most Outstanding Freshman Male; Charles Allo, Eric Robinson.



Lucy Pope

OAK Outstanding Freshmen Men are nominated by USM faculty and chosen by OAK to represent the best of the male freshman class.

Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Freshmen Women:

Melissa Pruett, Emily Hindrichs, Nicole Jacobsen, Krista Feinberg, Most Outstanding Freshman Female; Christina Watts, Michelle Walters.



Lucy Pope

OAK Outstanding Freshmen Women are nominated by USM faculty and chosen by OAK to represent the best of the female freshman class.

Order of Omega:

First row: Jane Lodwick, philanthropy chairman; Katherine Clancy, president; Joy Hamilton, treasurer; Alvis Wright, vice president; Second row: Laura McInnis, Angela Barnes, Andi Chappel, Lolly Brewer, Rebecca Timmins; Last row: Brooks Moore, Lazaire Bradley, David DeBlasio.



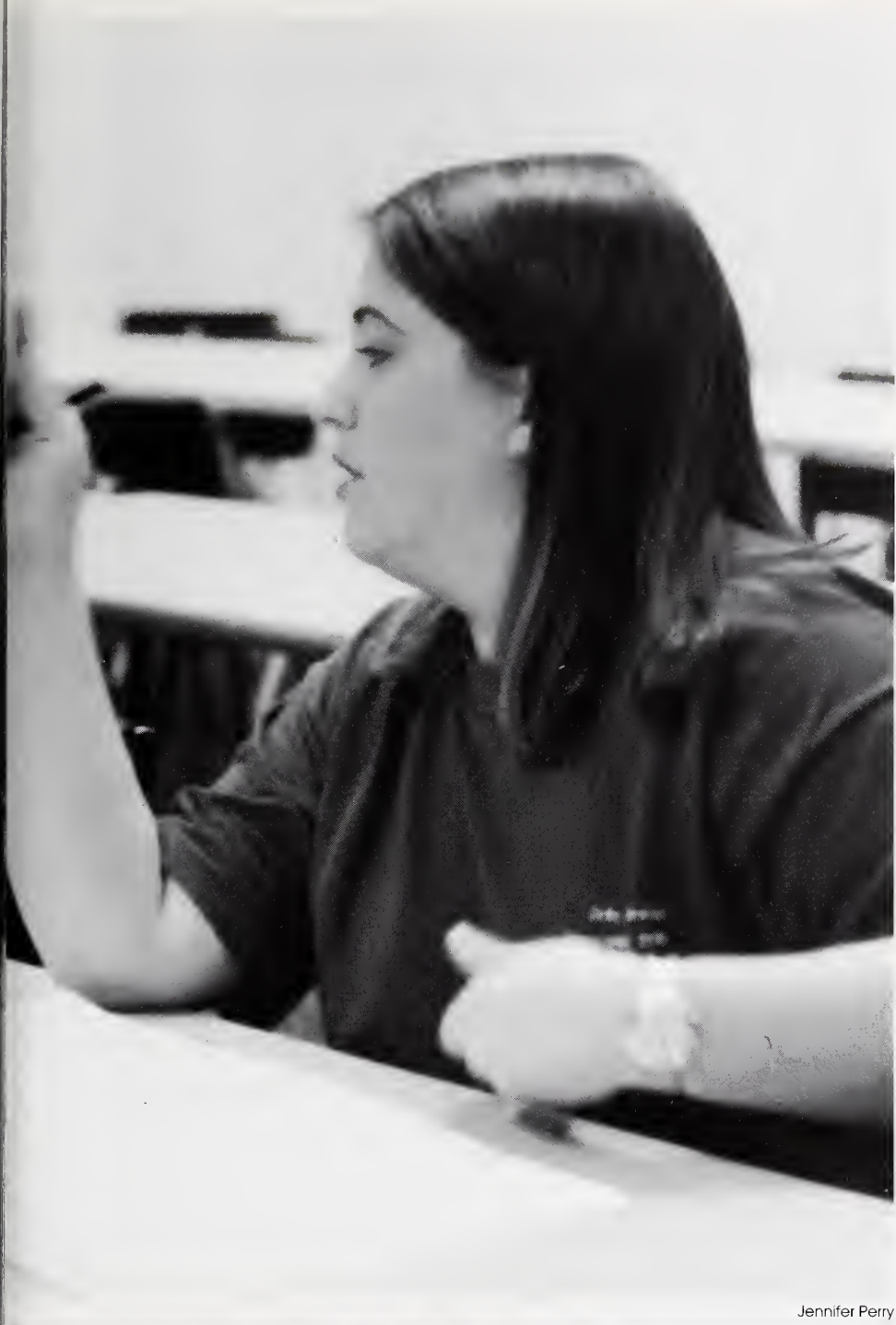
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Order of Omega recognizes those fraternity and sorority members who have excelled as campus leaders.



Bert King

Psi Chi Officers: Michael Taffaro, reporter; Cecili Greenwood, secretary; Lisa McDonald, president; Dan Tingstrom, faculty advisor.



Jennifer Perry

Psi Chi members **Jennifer Ellison** and **Marcia Taylor** discuss the important issues that will face future psychologists. Topics for discussion at Psi Chi meetings range from research and ethical problems to emerging new theories.

Thinking *positively*

by Leslie Walker

Psi Chi is a national honor society that promotes the pursuit of excellence in psychology. "Right now we're trying to develop relationships among all the psychology students on campus, introduce relevant research topics and breakthroughs and help students get information about graduate school," said president and member of two years, Michael Taffaro.

Psi Chi was chartered on the USM campus in 1963, but in the past few years membership has increased exponentially as more and more students become interested in graduate school.

"Helping people understand their options in grad school--teachers, classes, field specialties--that is the main thing we've been trying to develop. Psi Chi eventually hopes to have a database to make the information easier for students to access," said Taffaro.

Psi Chi membership is held for life. Students are only invited after they have completed at least nine hours of course work in psychology and if they earn and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.

Members of Psi Chi are active on campus and in the community. They participated in the UAC-sponsored Halloween Carnival, helped the Salvation Army solicit donations during Christmas and collected food and clothes for the poor throughout the year.

Many organizations including SGA, various fraternities and sororities, P.A.C.E.R.S. and the Student Alumni Association have members of Psi Chi as officers or on committees.

About 30 members were active this year. In addition to their busy schedules of classes, community service and research, many Psi Chi members presented research papers at local, national and international conventions.



Bert King

Psi Chi: First row: Cecili Greenwood, Lisa McDonald, Dan Tingstrom, Tonya Butler. Last row: Jennifer Ellison, Michael Taffaro, Stephanie Shows.

Peers Educating Peers:

First row: Shannon Love, Melanie Corley, Present Desai. Second row: Angela Faust, Bravika Patel, Jennifer Warren; Last row: Lori Hughes, Casey Wyatt, Krupa Desai.



Jennifer Perry

Peers Educating Peers promotes health education and wellness among peers.

Phi Beta Lambda:

First row: Susan Sanders, president; Macey Thompson, secretary; Brent Flanagan, Anitra Blake, vice president; Second row: Charlene Smith, Monica Smith, Jamie Polk, Barbara Dawson, treasurer; Last row: Tracey Eldridge, reporter; Charlene Anciro.



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Phi Beta Lambda is dedicated to developing competent, aggressive business leadership.

Phi Chi Theta: First row: Ion Mixon, Ursula Miller, vice president; Margaret Ross, president; Gus Necaise, Last row: Kara Crosby, Ty Irons; Stephanie Williams.



Bert King

Phi Chi Theta is a professional business fraternity which strives to promote higher business education.

Phi Eta Sigma Officers:

Lucy Pope, vice president; Jamal Henry, president.



Monty Lowe

Phi Eta Sigma is a freshman service oriented honor society.



Bert King

RHA Officers: First row: Contina Quinn, associate dir. of administration; Duane Nettles, director; Kim Moistner-Bartlett, advisor; Last row: Nathaniel Anderson, associate dir. of communication; Emily Brown, associate dir. of finance.



Taking advantage of the warm spring weather, the RHA throws a "Spring Fling" picnic for campus residents.

Serving *residents*

by Contina Quinn

The Residence Hall Association serves as the voice of all students living on campus. Its main concern is to make campus life more comfortable and enjoyable through social, educational and personal programming. It also serves as a liaison between the students and the Department of Residence Life.

Issues that students usually bring to RHA include visitation, parking, laundry services and meal plans.

RHA has sponsored activities such as canoe trips, shopping trips, welcome baskets, exam baskets and an annual Halloween party for the Boys and Girls Club of Hattiesburg. Large scale events include the "Cross Country 'Cause We Care" AIDS run, nationally known hypnotist Dan LaRosa, a charity ball and a "suitcase dance" where an all-expenses paid vacation to Disney World was raffled.

This year, RHA's theme was "Days and Nights with RHA." This program gave residents the opportunity to stop by the RHA Activity Center to check their e-mail, watch movies on a big screen TV or just hang out. Late at night, students could come by the Center to study or enjoy a cup of coffee or hot chocolate. The Center may also be reserved for student activities.

This year USM hosted the South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls. SAACURH encompasses 10 states and 56 colleges. This program allows USM to get a perspective on the state of residence halls in the region, as well as exchange ideas about making dorm living as attractive as possible.

RHA acknowledges the hard work of its members by hosting an awards banquet every semester.

Any campus resident can become an active member of RHA.



Monty Lowe

Bert King

Residence Hall Association: First row: Nathaniel Anderson, Contina Quinn, Duane Nettles, Emily Brown, Kim Moistner-Bartlett, advisor; Second row: Myla Adams, Jennifer Patrick, Kim Thomas, Shemika Williams, Brianna Landry, Liz Folse, Christina Watts, Amanda Wade, Candace Walker, Aaron Waters; Last row: Avenell Herron, Nicole Fuller, Henry Adams, K.C. White, Miss Thompson, Chasatee Greenfield, Shenikki Rathliff, Joey Reed, Valerie Scott.

Phi Kappa Phi:

First row: Audrea Wesley, Robin Curtis, Karolyn Thompson, Chesson Paul Clement, Larry Le Flore, Antoinette Nelson. Second row: Carolyn Kazelshis, Sarah Armstrong, Steve Doblin, Claudia Rebaza. Last row: Tom Richardson, Maureen Ryan, Pollyane Frantz



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Phi Kappa Phi emphasizes scholarship and character and stimulates academic achievement in students.

Phi Mu Alpha Simfonia:

First row: Craig Cagle, Tony Cagnolatti, Mark Hatch, Gabe Krell, president; Sean Wilson, Brock A. Cain, warden/historian; Craig Wilson, secretary; Keith M. Fricke. Second row: Anthony Barnes, alumni advisor; Tony Hall, Aaron Glaeser, Michael Shamburger, Johnua A. Tidwell, Greg Johnson, Geoffrey A. Brewer, Christopher A. Laurier, Jeremy Bailey, Jonathan T. Steele. Last row: Brian R. Scott, Chester T. Estes, III, Arlandra Harvey, Michael Delaune, Christopher Collingsworth, John Smith, Stuart A. de Haro, vice president/fraternity education officer; Ben Dunn; Joel A. Dorman, treasurer.



Bert King

The Eta Pi Chapter of **Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia** seeks to create a better awareness and appreciation of American music.

Phi Sigma Pi: First row: Nate Anderson, Vice President; Hope Lightsey, recording secretary; Lisa Kemp, president; Lori Loggins, rush advisor; Rachel Stroupe, initiate advisor; Valerie Ogden. Joelle Meyers, treasurer; Mike Fooladi, historian. Second row: Angie Cleveland, Keith Green, Shanna Norman, Rob Richerson, Chami Strain, Angelle Peltier, Loranza Bridges, Julie Ladner, Wilma Rader, Jeremy Farris, Laura Mabry, Tara Whitacre, Lea Bourland, Pam King, Sheila Robinson, Christie Barber, Jana Privett. Last row: Robbie Depaula, Tiffany Blair, Michael Sevel, Amy Yarborough, Holly Robinson, Michael Beard, Rebecca Whitehead, Nicole Franklin, Janet Thomas, Chad Cranford, Craig Cranford, Kristen Holmes, Julie Steen, Amy O'Keefe, Dianna Gandy.



Bert King

Phi Sigma Pi is an honor fraternity that promotes the ideals of scholarship, leadership, and fellowship.

Phi Theta Kappa: First row: Billy Folkes, advisor; Kristy Klopton, president; Betty Brunner, vice president; Debbie Walker, secretary. Second row: Marcus Gaines, Jessica Miley, Stacey Coleman, Ary Rice, Olivia Hamil, Liberty Bell. Last row: Vincent Tanksten, Candice Edwards, Randy Laird, Brian Cuevas, Chesaka Cuevas.



Bert King

Phi Theta Kappa is an organization for students inducted into the honor society while attending junior college.



Michael Russell

Society of Women Engineers Officers: Takiyah Thomas, treasurer; Leslie Thomas, vice president; Rhoda Rhoades, president; Lacanya Singleton, secretary.



Kris Stokes



Michael Russell

Society of Women Engineers: First row: Leslie Thomas, Rhoda Rhoades, Takiyah Thomas, Lacanya Singleton; Second row: Suzette Little, Canvass Walker, Lisa Boyte, Jaketha Farmer, Les Burcaw, Jr.; Shunna Hundley, Debra Haynes, Holly Dana; Last row: Jennifer Key, Emily Hayden, Danyelle Ross, Terri Lynn Hendon, Latisha Selvie, Kimberly Rodgers, Grace Porto, Joy Dier, LaKesha Fagan, Kathy Rester, Connie Beavers.

Society of Women Engineers members are evaluated on technique and creativity during their first annual Bridge Building Contest. To create their bridges, students were allowed to use only spaghetti and Elmer's glue.

Building *educations*

by L. Renee James

The Society of Women Engineers was founded with the purpose of educating women about career opportunities in engineering and help the prepare for the technical aspects of the field. SWE also informs the general public of the achievements of women engineers. The SWE's primary goal for this year is to increase their visibility on campus.

Enrollment in SWE has increased from a three member team several years ago to over thirty, including two male members.

President Rhoda Rhoades believes that the motto of the group can be summed up in a few words: "Diversity without discrimination".

Other officers include Leslie Thomas, a junior architectural engineering technology major; Takiyah Thomas, a senior computer science and statistics major and Doris Kemp, technology specialist and faculty advisor.

The organization sponsors several fund raisers and programs throughout the year. The First Annual Bridge Building Contest pitted students against each other armed with nothing but bargain basement spaghetti and Elmer's glue. Students competed to see whose bridge could hold the most weight as well as whose was the most artistic and most spectacular crash. Afterwards, the students vented their frustrations on an old computer in the Computer Smash contest. Scott Mays, a senior from Hattiesburg, won the chance to try.

Other fund raisers included a seminar that provided career guidance for area high school students, bake sales, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, a trash pickup in downtown Hattiesburg, a barbecue buffet and the purchase of a "memory" brick from the Forrest County Humane Society. The Humane Society sold the \$50 bricks to raise money to rebuild the main building that burned two years ago.

In addition, SWE participated in activities that directly benefitted the campus. They donated candy for the Halloween carnival thrown for the children of students who live in Pinehaven. SWE also replaced trees on campus that had to be destroyed because of uprooting.

Pine Haven Council:

First row: Billie Joe McKinney, Crystal McKinney, Dawn Myers, Marla Baugh, Cindy Britain, Robin Rector, Jackie Roberts, Tammy Matlock, Ralph Britain; Last row: Glenda Albertson, Catherine Allen.



Jennifer Perry

The **Pine Haven Council** facilitates communication between residents of Pine Haven, staff, and student government.

Public Relations

Society of America:

First row: Amber Manus, Pamela Tollis, Jill Smith, Ryan M. Uher, Jennifer Frazure. Last Row: Jami Ross, Marla McCardle, Kim Havard, Dabney Dykes, Kassie Coleman, Kristyn M. Edmonds, President.



Jennifer Perry

PRSSA is an organization that fosters the study of public relations for liberal arts majors.

Recreation Majors Association :

First row: Dicie Taylor, secretary; Joy Douglas, vice president; Margaret Migues, president; Megan Andrews, treasurer; Second row: Shutee Taylor, Aubri Deahl, Lauren Lightfoot, Jeniffer Muegge, Christi Sanderson, Dr. Charles Burchell, Last row: Dawn Scott, Heather Newman, Amy Jordan, Tara Ranaud, Steve Reid, Jonathan Williams.



Bert King

The **Recreation Majors Association** promotes interaction and professional advancement among recreation majors.

Rho Gamma:

First row: Lucy Pope, Mackenzie Rogers, Kinya Beckwith, Melissa Carpenter; Second row: Misty Knight, Kyle Bray, Steven De Blasio, Jared Hegwood, Leslie Walker, Hadley Breckenridge, Rebecca Timmins, Monty Lowe, Last row: Alex Burns, Mike Mitchell



Jennifer Perry

Rho Gamma fosters high publication standards and fellowship among yearbook staff and supporters.



Southern Style members **Kyle Smith** and **Kelli Carter** help an incoming **USM** freshman paint the Eagle Walk under the football stadium. Southern Style facilitators led small groups in the first annual "Paint the Walk" competition during the 1997 summer overnight preview session.



Perched atop the bridge over Lake Byron, Southern Style members proudly show off their Southern Miss spirit.

Looking *stylish*

by Leslie Walker

One distinguishing characteristic is the gold jacket, another is the member's intelligence, dedication and friendliness.

The gold jackets are not easy to get. Chris Moore, a senior Southern Style member, knew he wanted to be a member of Southern Style when he saw their gold jackets during his freshman Preview, but he was not chosen until his senior year.

"I consider Southern Style to be one of the most prestigious organizations on campus. We have a fun, yet very important job," said Moore.

The members of Southern Style are an elite and select group of mostly juniors and seniors that are the official host group of the university. Southern Style members are literally "on call" constantly from January to December. They help with the commencement ceremonies, legislative weekends, Preview and orientation.

From 90-100 applicants, approximately 25 students are chosen every year. The requirements are simple, yet hard to define. To even be invited to the first stage of a two-week interview process, an applicant must have been a student at least one year and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Students who meet the initial requirements interact with smaller groups of students for various activities.

"We look to see who emerges as the leader of the conversation, who seems to be interacting with other people and who tries to genuinely get to know people instead of just passing the time," said Matthew Cox, coordinator of on-campus programs.

Present Southern Style members are also involved in the selection process. Once the applicants have been winnowed, the final step is a personal interview.



Bert King

Southern Style: First row: Kamini Bhakta, Leigh Herrington, Laura McInnis, Lolly Brewer, Angela Barnes, Robin Legget, Kelli Carter, Angela Jones, Ravyn Cunningham, Kirk Huggins, Amanda Gambrell, Debbie Monti, Jennifer McDowell, Julie Scott, Jane Lodwick; Last row: Mike Berault, Kyle Smith, Brooks Moore, Billy Leach, Troy Odom, Dustin Oubre, Brian McClelland, Robert Sanders, Chris Moore, Tripp McNeese.

Sports Officials Officers:

Monty Knoblitt, secretary;
Wes McCullough, treasurer;
Michael Bond, advisor;
Megan Andrews, vice president;
Mark Crager, president.



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Intramural Supervisors:

Front row: Melanie Hurst,
Megan Andrews, Julie Polk;
Second row: Drew Baum,
Wes McCob, Geoff Glenn,
Mark Crager; Back row:
Monty Knoblitt, Michael
Bond.



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Intramural Officials:

Front row: Suen Fernandez,
Heather Reeves, Julie Polk,
Melanie Hurst, Lara Hansa,
Megan Andrews, Wes
McCob; Second row: Monty
Knoblitt, Carter Benton, Tim
Friday, Omar Parker,
Charles Green, Geoff Glen;
Third row: Drew Baum, John
Perniciaro, Michael Barnes;
Back row: Chris Bagwell,
Walter Powers, Mark Crager.



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Sports Official **Michael Rhodes** sets up a jump ball as he officiates for an intramural basketball game.

Exercising *authority*

by Leslie Walker

USM offers over 40 intramural sports that give students a chance to become involved in a competitive setting. These sports need officials to make decisions, give penalties and monitor the game. Dozens of students every year vie for a job that gives sports lovers a combination of experience and training, a paycheck and the thrill of the game.

The Sports Officials Association was created by Recreational Sports to find, train and evaluate students as referees. The Association provides members with potentially expensive equipment such as whistles and shirts. Students also improve their skills and gain knowledge about emerging sports by attending clinics, written examinations and game experience.

Monty Noblitt, a senior history major, came to love the program after first being driven by an age-old need. "I really needed a job and since I loved sports, this seemed perfect. By the time the year is over, I have usually officiated every sport at least once."

Noblitt eventually hopes to teach as well as coach. For him, as well as for most students, the job helps give an invaluable and often overlooked perspective of the game.

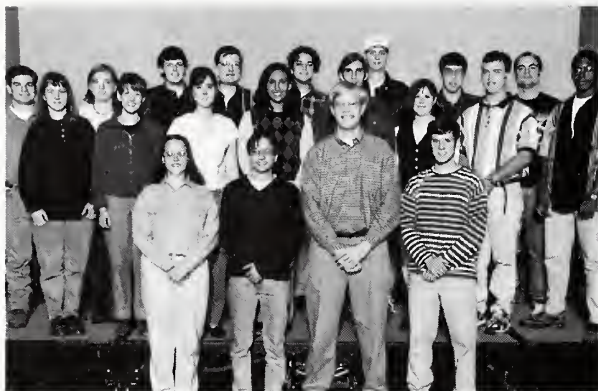
"We try to assign students to as wide a variety of sports as possible. Eventually everyone has a favorite sport, but they still need to be exposed to everything we have to offer," said president Mark Crager.

The program attracts about 50 students of a variety of ages and majors every semester. Students spend on average 25-30 hours a week calling fouls and strikes for sports such as flag football, volleyball, three-on-three basketball, softball and ultimate frisbee.

Members are constantly evaluated and superior students eventually earn certification. Once certified, students can work in area sports and school leagues.

Society of Polymer Scientists:

First row: Lisa Kemp, secretary; Richard Nause, vice president; Kip Sharp, president; Kelly Anderson, treasurer; Second row: Clay Bohn, Jennifer Henderson, Kathy Logan, Samantha Simmons, Michael McSween, Amanda Tyrone, Brad Rimes, Kevin Thigpen, Last row: Islay Burgess, Ronnie Edgar, Steven De Blasio, Mohammad Ali; David Preskin, Chris Molaison, Ira Stockstill



Bert King

The **Society of Polymer Scientists** connects teachers and students in the polymer science department.

Speech Communication Association:

First row: Dr. Richard Conville, advisor; Stacy Vincent, secretary; Kim Lambert, president; Angela McDaniel, vice president; Tyrus Autry, treasurer; Second row: Suzannah Webb, Lori Hansa, Mandy Witcher, Dustin Oubre, Aaron Hill, Jennifer Tregre, Kay Redmond; Last row: Shane Tanguis, Scott Lanehart, Stacy Clearman, Philip Geiger, Dina Long, Donna Wallace, Cami Wilson.



Bert King

The **Speech Communication Association** promotes interaction and professional advancement among Speech Communication majors.

SPEED:

First row: Tracy Bonner, Holly Mire, Mittie E. Brown, Co-Advisor/Public Relations; Melissa Carpenter, Public Relations; Chinika Robinson, President; LaTonya Robinson, Sandy Buckhalter, Rachel Ratcliff, Chandrae Tenzy, Treasurer; Natalie S. Everett, Vice President; April Lawson, Last row: Christina Watts, Secretary; Deitra Davis, Nicole N. Heard, Robin Gaudet, Tony Yarber, Acting Parliamentarian, Nichole Jacobsen



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Students Promoting, Educating, and Empowering for Diversity helps to unite students from various cultural backgrounds.



Student Alumni Association Officers: First row: Gayle McQueen, Secretary; Trey Truitt, Alumni Relation; Sabrina Miller, Major Events Chairman; Delinah Smith, Outreach Chairman; Last Row: Wes Crider, Advisor; Michelle Manley, President; Brandy Gray, Spirit Chair; Brent Greenwald, Trips Chairman.



Rebecca Timmins

SAA members **Brent Greenwald**, **Michelle Manley**, **Jason Brown**, and **Michelle Sullivan** set up their booth for UAC's Halloween Carnival. The children of Pine Haven enjoyed SAA's "Fish and Treat" booth.

Moving *ahead*

by Jennifer McDonald

The Student Alumni Association is on the move this year. With over 800 students from every class and every school, SAA is definitely going places. The SAA serves as a link between USM students and alumni.

"It gives students a connection to USM after they graduate. They will want to continue to participate," said Michelle Manley, this year's president.

Students get to interact with alumni through a variety of activities. Alumni are kept informed of campus activities through a monthly newsletter, a magazine and meetings. Members also participate in alumni activities.

"This gives students the opportunity to network. When they graduate, they know people in their fields," Manley said.

Under the advisement of Wes Crider, SAA consists of eight board members. Some of the offices include spirit, outreach, alumni relations, trips and major events. Manley wants SAA to play as hard as they work.

"We do a lot of community work, organize socials, watch movies and participate with other organizations on campus."

SAA participated in USM's annual Halloween Carnival by baking cupcakes for the children and in the African American Student Organization's Crime Prevention Week.

This international organization has thousands of members across the globe. Manley corresponds with presidents from everywhere by e-mail. Members shared ideas with their international counterparts at the national convention in Notre Dame, MI.

"SAA gives students a lot of leadership opportunities. They also make new friends, learn how to communicate and make small group decisions," Manley said.



Bert King

Student Alumni Association

Sports Professionals Student Association:

First row: Dr. Mark Maneval, Advisor; Colby Jubenville, Benn Goss, President; Stephanie Huff; Last row: John Bizette, Jay Arrington, Brent Walker, Christina Whipple



Bert King

SPSA offers opportunities to develop professional experiences to individuals who are interested in pursuing sport management careers.

SLOO: First row: Brandy Ramsey, Angela Mixon, Project Support Chair; Roslyn Reed, Nicole Heard, President; LaShanda Brumfield; Last row: Bendora Yarbrough, Jameela Weston, Keisha Owens, Keffer Stokes, Vice President; Pedrina Jones, Amy Pruitt, Semeria Hill, Administrative Assistant; Clifford Jones.



Monty Lowe

Students Looking Out for Others is a crime prevention oriented organization.

Student Athletic

Advisory Committee: First row: Shaun Mitchell, president; Kristen Bonnett, secretary; Jimmy Farris, advisor; Last row: Tiina Rautajoki, Andy Tiltscher, Erin McCaster, Toby Simpson, Hope Herron, Scott Cheek, Erin Scott, Rebecca Thornell



Bert King

The **Student Athletic Advisory Committee** was formed to give student athletes a voice in the athletic department and the NCAA regarding changing of roles that will affect the students.



Bert King

Student Dietetic Association Officers: Wendy Cannon, Secretary; Sandi Keller, President; Stacey Senac, Vice President; Diana Smith Treasurer.

SDA member **Jennifer DeLuca** takes **Wendy Cannon's** anthropometric measurements. This is one of the steps used to determine an individual's body fat percentage.

Healthy *living*

by Misty L. Knight

The Student Dietetic Association is an organization dedicated to raising awareness of the value of a healthy lifestyle. This growing organization of 40 members exemplifies its concern for the health of others, not only on USM's campus, but across the nation. The public service projects of SDA have helped numerous people.

This year the members contributed time and energy into a state-wide fundraising project which assisted dietetic students in North Dakota who chose to remain behind and help the victims of the floods that ravaged the Midwest during 1997.

"Our dedicated students want to do more than just complete their academic programs; they want to serve their community," said SDA advisor, Dr. Wayne Billon.

Other community service projects which SDA members volunteer for include working at Camp Blue Bird (a camp for oncology patients) and organizing Health Career Day booths on campus at the Payne Center and off campus at the Turtle Creek Mall.

"This program has allowed me to learn more about dietetics and more about helping others," Wendy Cannon, senior nutrition and dietetics major, said. Cannon is one of eight students in the coordinated program who will travel to Jackson next year to complete an internship.

The coordinated program accepts 16 junior level students per year who will complete intensive course work and serve 900 supervised hours of practice in various Jackson area hospitals. Dietetic students also have the opportunity to study in the didactic program which includes the same classes but does not require the hours of practicum in the coordinated program.

"The program is very competitive and SDA allows students and faculty members the opportunity to work together and have a good time," Billon said.

"I wanted to learn. SDA has provided me with the practical knowledge I will use throughout my career and memories which will last for life," said Cannon.



Mike Mitchell



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Student Dietetic Association: First row: Tameka Jones, Kim Allen, Vickie Monk, Sandi Keller, Diana Smith, Candice Fahler, Wendy Cannon; Last Row: Dr. Wayne Billon, Jennifer Taylor, Ashley Rich, Michelle Butler, Stacey Senac, Kristi Hymel, Lillous Shoemaker, Heather DelPriore, Tanya Bass, Nicole Bailes.

SGA Senate: First row:

Eddie Holloway, advisor; Chris Johnston, Amy Rome; Laura McInnis, Tony Maiorana, Jason Cooley, Ricardo Woods, Carly Gervais, Second row: Jerry Ross, Shelton Simmons, Nicole Walker, Jeanna Runnels, Tyrus Autry, Cotina Quinn, Monique Baker, Kelly Anderson, Tara Rogers, Last row: Tiffany Piazza, Laura McKnight, Scott Anderson, John Byer, Mohammad Ali, Aimee Cox, Craig Drez.



Bert King

The **Senate** is a group of elected student representatives who voice the student body's problems and concerns.

SGA Judicial Board: First row: Billy Leach, Anthony Benigno; Last row: Tate Dickey, Angela DiChiara, Brian Henderson.



Bert King

The **Judicial Board** ensures that USM students receive legal due process.

SGA Cabinet: Sitting: Eddie Holloway, advisor; Gina Ladner, Billy Leach, Tony Majorana, Brooks Moore, Gregory Doss, Laura Ford, Kevin Spera, First row: Kevin Myers, Angela Jonew, Julie Jarrell, Verdell Hawkins, Trae Brown, Theresa Goodwin, Renee James, Jamie Ray, Heather Snow, Heather Berke, Latonya Robinson, Felicia Mills, Jenny Taffaro, Buffi King, Kamini Bhakta, Chris Moore; Second row: Robert Sanders, Trey Truitt, Desiree Dillon, Ashley Padilla, Brittany Reid, Jennifer Ellison, John Peterson, Kamesha Brown, Shameka Gooden, Loronza Bridges, Jennifer Barton, Leora Madden, Angela McDaniel, Olivia Hamil, Kayne Wilson, Michelle Armstrong, Claire Mills, Elaina Shiro, Rebecca Boudreaux, Mike Mattina; Last row: Ben Mitchell, Wayne Byars, Todd Germillion, Rad Lang, Curtis Mathene, Parker Inabnet, Chad Kincaid, Ondrea Calvert, Nathaniel Anderson, Amanda Younger, Brent Greenwald, Kirk Huggins, Mike Berault, Steven DeBlasio, Amy Yarborough, Mark Spiers, Mike Taffaro.



Bert King

The **SGA Cabinet** is the executive branch of the Student Government Association.



Bert King

SGA Executive Officers: First row: Eddie Holloway, advisor; Gina Ladner, treasurer; Laura Ford, executive secretary; Brooks Moore, president; Last row: Tony Mariana, vice president; Gregory Doss, election commissioner; Kevin Spera, chief of staff.



SGA president **Brooks Moore** presents a plaque to advisor **Eddie Holloway** in appreciation for his commitment to the SGA and USM. The SGA works together with faculty and administration to ensure that students' concerns are addressed and their needs met at USM.

Executive *orders*

by Misty L. Knight

The Student Government Association has had a busy year. Members organized the fundraising for the Lighting of the Dome, sponsored the Alternative Housing Day, implemented the Student Advocacy Service, assisted in choosing the site of two new future residence halls and more.

The SGA began work on major projects that will ultimately serve the USM student body for years to come. Some of these projects include Superdrop, Fall Break and the Universal ID Card.

According to Brooks Moore, SGA president, Superdrops will allow students to drop a class after the drop date, but before finals. According to this policy, there will be no academic penalty or stipulation assessed to the student.

"It's an opportunity to assist a student who cannot fulfill the requirements of a demanding course," said Moore.

Another resolution addressed by SGA was Fall Break. This break would allow students to have a long weekend after midterm exams in the Fall semester. According to Moore, Fall Break could become a reality for the 1999-2000 year.

SGA also proposed a universal ID card which would allow students to lighten the load of cards they currently carry. Now, students must have separate residence hall access cards, laundry cards, and photocopy cards. This proposal will allow students to use one card which will serve the above-mentioned purposes as well as a student ID, ATM card, long distance calling card, and credit card.

The Student Judicial Board, a branch of the student government, has also had a busy year. According to Moore, they heard a record number of cases.

"The board ensures USM students legal due process. It is a very important group that few students hear about," said Moore.

Executive officers of the 1997-98 SGA were President Brooks Moore, V.P. Tony Maiorana, Treas. Gina Ladner, Attorney General Billy Leach, Election Commissioner Greg Doss, Chief of Staff Kevin Spera, and Secretary Laura Ford.



Bert King

SGA Freshmen Associates: First row: Natalie Mann, Natallie Unda, Sam Burke, Sam Wright, Lisa Domalingue, Krista Feinberg, Emily Maher, Michelle Walters, Sarah Bonner, Eric Robinson, Ashley Padilla, Julie Jarrell; Second row: Christina Watts, Holly Mire, Sanquita Buckhalter, Melissa Shoemaker, Jilliam James, Keri Davis, Shannon Smith, Allison Buckner, Lorraine Dubbisson, Rachel Dyer, Charlotte Braxton, Lizzy Place, Katie Flanagan, Ashley Shelton, Amiee Abernathy, Michelle Thiel, Ashley Sanford; Last row: Melissa Pruitt, Erick Morgan, Trey Skaggo, Charlie Allo, Eric Kendall, Philip Geiger, Jarrett Williams, Niki Jacobsen, Becky Pruitt, Jody Ellis.

Students for Progress:
Alisha Sullivan, Heidi Hilton,
Brackin Camp.



Rebecca Timmins

Students for Progress publishes the Foundation Free Press for students at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Student Sports Medicine Association:

Officers: Tara Hall, president; Ashley Watkins, secretary; Melina Gribkov, treasurer; Ratrick Rochadl, vice president.



Bert King

The **Student Sports Medicine Association** strives to expand the education of students by establishing a contact with those in the sports medicine profession.

Tau Alpha Pi: First row: Amelia Windham, secretary; Rhoda Rhoades, president; Trey Smith, Treasurer; Last row: Stephen Edmunds, Cecil Harrison, advisor; Jamie Miller, Chad Steed, Tiffany Gatschenberger



Bert King

Tau Alpha Pi provides recognition for a high standard of scholarship among students in technical colleges and institutes

Tau Beta Sigma: First row: Kimberly Dotson, secretary; Michelle Carter, treasurer; Jaime Liles, secretary; Christy Guined, president; Susan Van Wick, second vice president; Emily McFarlen, first vice president; Colleen King Sargeant at Arms. Second row: Lauren Landry, Theresa Ellis, Amanda Collier, Anna Simpson, Kelly Comans, Audrey Fowler, Bethany Armstrong, Jennifer Muegge, historian; Third row: Regina George, Jenny O'Neal, Kim Everett, Laura Hair, Last row: Julie McGehee, Prentiss Harper, James Cork, Todd Ditchendorf, historian, Robert Eubanks, Travis Coakley, John Dowler, Colleen Murray, Anna Stevens, Robin Murray, Rachel Ratcliff



Bert King

Tau Beta Sigma is a co-ed band service organization open to only Pride of Mississippi members.



Student Nurses Association Officers: First Row: Renee West, Jennifer Grimsley, Gretchen Guidry, Melissa Smith, Nikki Bigham; Last Row: Christian Trahan, Don King, Carrie Lehman, Todd Monroe, Clay Wedgeworth



Student Nurses Association members **Alicia McAlpin** and **Adrienne Montgomery** check supplies. The SNA serves as the main connection between student nurses and the outside world of nursing.

Healing *hands*

by Tara Hall

Chartered in 1967, the Student Nurses Association has provided a connection between students and the world of nursing. SNA has almost 160 members that are given a chance to learn the meaning of professional development.

"SNA has given me the opportunity to know other students. I have enjoyed being involved in community activities, fundraisers and the convention. I have made lifelong friends by being involved in SNA," said junior Bethany Mangum.

This was an exciting year for SNA. History was made when the School of Nursing officially became the College of Nursing. This small change represents a level of recognition and respect that the college will garner from other nursing schools around the state.

Several SNA members gained recognition during the state conference in October. Scott Martin and Christa Staples were inducted into the Hall of Fame for their nursing accomplishments. LeAnne Morgan was elected director of Breakthroughs to Nursing. She later attended a national student nurses convention in Atlanta, GA. Rachelle Dunn was elected nominations and elections chairperson and was also nominated for the Fuld Fellowship Award. Gretchen Gidry was elected southern district representative for nursing.

SNA members adopted needy families for Christmas and worked with the Salvation Army in creating an Angel Tree. Blood drives were sponsored with the help of the American Red Cross. Also, a fundraiser was held in conjunction with the American Cancer Relay for Life. Other fundraising projects included a book sale, T-shirt sale and a dinner banquet.



Monty Lowe

Bert King

Student Nurses Association: First row: Todd Monroe, Clay Wedgeworth, Melissa Smith, Renee West, Jennifer Grimsley, Carrie Lehman, Gretchen Guidry, Christian Trahan, Don King, Nikki Bigham; Second Row: Charlotte Moody, Olivia Darnell, Tara Hall, Stephanie Ratliff, Lindsay Rose, Melanie Bradshaw, Valencia Giles, Lori Breland, Kay Cater, advisor; Juanita Mikell, Cynthia Nishlan, John Hodnett; Last row: Rachelle Dunn, Sam White, Amy Sheely, Ralph Britain, Suzanna Russel, Mary Stewart, advisor, Leanna Smith, Laura Kehoe

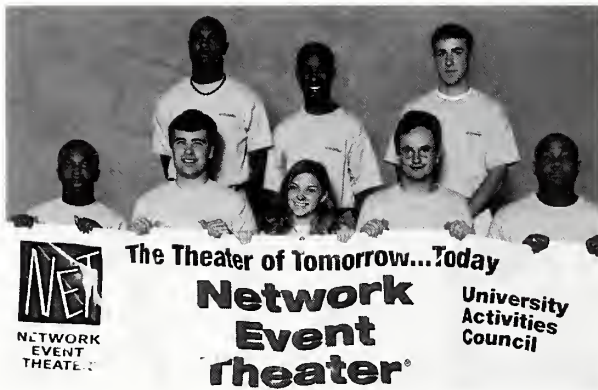
Major Entertainment Committee: Front row: Jelita Green, Laterica Hudson, Trae Brown, Devon Stokes, Theresa Goofwin, Back row: Ayanna Batiste; Desire Dillon, Bridget Yost, Amanda Sims.



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Major Entertainment coordinates major events on campus such as concerts and festivals.

Network Event Theatre Committee: Front row: Ricardo Woods, Gavin Langston, Charlena Wilson, Michael Webb, Patrick Gray, Back row: Abe Hudson, Tyres Autry, Jeremy Cooper.



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Network Events shows major films before they premiere in local theatres.

Special Projects Committee: Front row: David Edwards; Second row: Angela Jones, Keisha Owens, Mindy Dowdy, Christie Scott, Back row: Nancy Montague, Lazaire Bradley, Kedrienne Day.



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Special Projects is in charge of special programs and projects. They coordinate membership drives and UAC parties.

Variety Committee: Clockwise: Ronica Dhaliway, Kelly Comans, Alexis Hankins, Shameika Partee, Amber Williamson, Rob Richerson, Nancy Poindexter, Deanna Johnson, LaCheryl Latham, Christine Lindsoe.



Bert King Photography

Variety Committee hosts events throughout the year to enlighten and entertain students.



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Union Committee: Front row: Shaylondia Simmons, Cedrick Shelby, Carrie Pokrefke, Back row: Toni Griffin, Sandra Buchanan, Tiffany Sanders.



Rebecca Timmins



Bert King Photography

UAC Union Committee chair **Tiffany Sanders** helps participants prepare for the UAC Easter Egg Hunt. The annual event helped add variety to the stressful final weeks of the spring semester.

Working *together*

by Leslie Walker

The University Activities Council is very selective--about one-half of the applicants do not make the final cut--but to make it through a semester filled with meetings, budgets and cleanups, UAC needs to make sure it has students that can handle the responsibility.

Every fall UAC has a membership drive where interested students can sign up for an interview. The selection process begins with a series and game and short skits. Officers and old members then decide who gets a personal interview.

"We look for people who are natural leaders, yet know when to be followers--assertive, without being bossy--it's hard to define, but basically we try to get people who even though they come from different backgrounds, know how to work together," said Shuntee Taylor, graduate assistant for UAC.

About 40 active members help to plan dozens of movies, live entertainment, mock game shows and anything else the students suggest.

Members devote about five hours coordinating their budget with the availability of the performer or the movie. Also, twice a year, some members attend a conference sponsored by the National Association for Campus Activities. Here, students can see hundreds of acts, get ideas for events and make valuable contacts.

This year's theme of "Five Star Entertainment" included comedians Taylor Mason and David Kauffman and world premiere advanced showings of movies; including, I Know What You Did Last Summer, U-Turn, City of Angels and Sliding Doors.

UAC also works with other campus organizations. They help cosponsor Forum speakers and played a major role in the inauguration of President Fleming.

University Activities Council Officers: Front row: Carrie Pokrefke, Union vice chair; Shuntee Taylor, graduate assistant; Melissa Carpenter, secretary; Kerri Provenza, president; Laterica Hudson, Major Entertainment chair; Vicki Conn, advisor; Back row: Michael Stark, Advertising chair; Ricaro Woods, Net vice chair; Sandra Buchanan, Union chair; Nancy Poindexter, Special Projects vice chair; Mindy Dowdy, Membership chair; Gavin Langston, Technical Director; Michael Webb, Network Event chair.

Union Advisory Board:

First row: Barbara Ross, Roshun Robinson, Sara Bartran, Chirman, Sasha Smith; Last row: Tony Maiorana, Wes Barrett, Mike Mitchell, John Burks, Sayo Gangulay.



Bert King

The **Union Advisory Board** provides student input about services provided by the University Union and makes suggestions for future plans.

Upsilon Pi Epsilon:

First row: Dr. Maria Cobb, advisor; Frank McCreedy, vice president; Stephen Thaxton, Jeanne Willimson, president; Last row: Carole Diekmann-Gregan, Ed Gussman, Al-Qurashi, Donna Lajuanie.



Bert King

Upsilon Pi Epsilon is an honorary computer science society established to recognize outstanding scholastic and professional achievement in the computing sciences.

Wesley Foundation:

First row: Erin O'Neil, Shanna Creed, Amanda Fesmire; Last row: Brian Cooley, Scott McDaniel.



Jennifer Perry

The **Wesley Foundation** is the is the United Methodist Church sponsored campus ministry which offers students the opportunity to share in Christian fellowship.

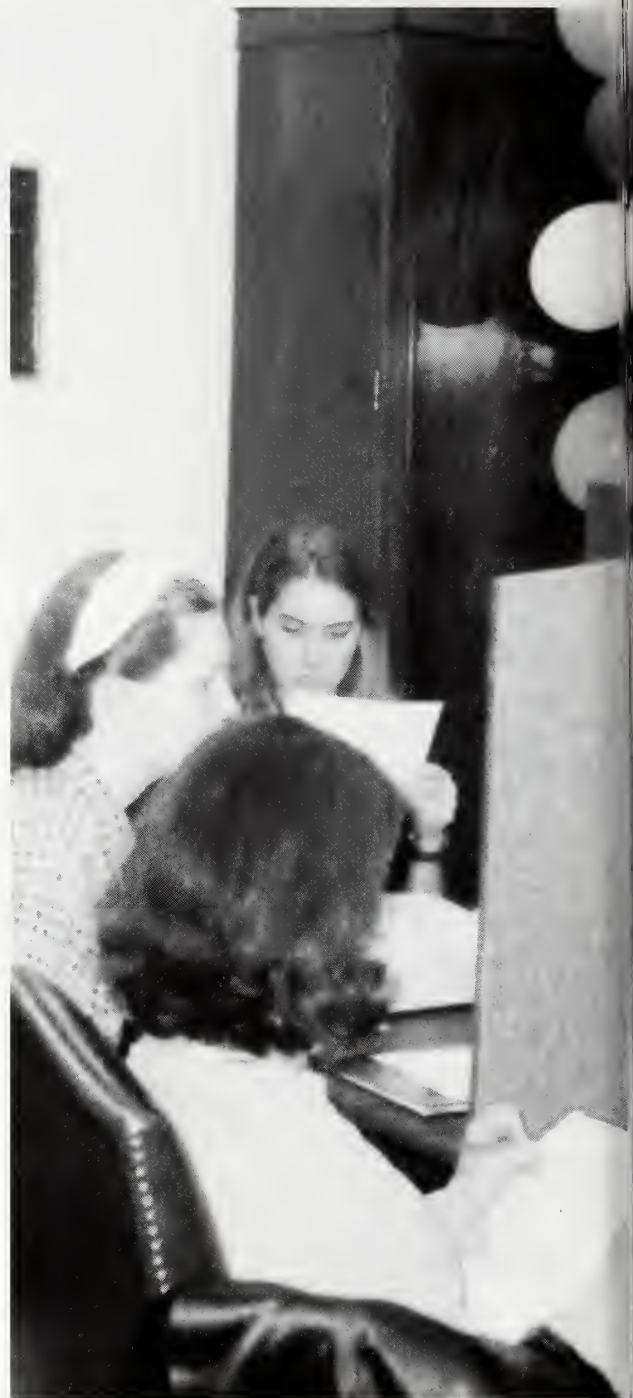
V.I.S.I.O.N:

First row: Melissa Carpenter, Hattiesburg Convalescent Center project leader; Laronza Bridges, Hawkins Junior High project leader; Ambie Daly, N.E.E.D.S. project leader; Roshun Robinson, Grace Christian, project leader; Angela Jones, president; Kimberly Samuel, Boys and Girls Club project leader; Tirrasc Hickman, Forrest General Hospital project leader; Desiree Dillon, volunteer appreciation chair; Elsie Hopkins, Woodley Elementary project chair; Amonde Younger, finance chair; Last row: Shemikia Williams, Theresa Goodwin, Christie Scott, La Toya Edwards, Zakiya Palmer, ConvaRest North Gate project leader, Eileen Robinson, Sara Bartran, Breaks and Projects project leader, LaTonya Robinson, Marth Gatlin, co-chair volunteer appreciation; Robert Sanders, education chair, Deanna Berg, Advisor.



Bert King

V.I.S.I.O.N. serves as a resource for students who want to volunteer for local nonprofit organizations.



Bert King

The **USM Foundation Annual Fund** callers celebrate a successful semester with a Christmas Party. After months of hard work, they had done their part to help the Foundation raise money for scholarships.



Hard at work, the Annual Fund student callers spend their evenings seeking out prospective donors for the USM Foundation.

Talking *serious*

by Leslie Walker

Opening doors to student opportunities, to faculty excellence, to professional development and, most importantly, to the future; this is the goal of the USM Foundation.

USM's students work hard. It wouldn't be one of the best universities in the South without the commitment and drive for excellence that seem to characterize the young men and women who leave 2801 Hardy Street to conquer the world.

However, sometimes hard work just isn't enough. A school needs knowledge in the form of books, challenge in the form of research and inspiration through the words and music of those who have achieved greatness.

Alumni and corporations have seen this need and have given over 8.5 million dollars in gifts during 1996-97. Their only reward is heartfelt thanks and the anonymous donors, of which there are many, don't even receive that.

Money from the foundation is used primarily by the hundreds of students who couldn't afford to attend the university without endowed and annual scholarships. Freedom from having to work full-time allows these students more time for research and leadership opportunities.

Faculty research is supported with the help of the Aubrey Keith and Ella Ginn Lucas Faculty Excellence Endowments. Dozens of scientists and historians have used this generosity to answer questions and solve environmental and medical problems.

Some of the problems tackled and journeys undertaken include creating a definitive film on a ground-breaking Pulitzer prize-winning screenwriter, a prototype for a possible solution to the over 2.5 billion tires that clog our landfills, a possible diagnostic test for gastrointestinal cancers and a final record on some of Mississippi's early residents.



Bert King

USM Foundation Annual Fund: First row: Rebecca Boudreaux, Shannon Williams, Lauren Lizana, Rebecca Prewitt, Jennifer Oriol, Mignon Keaton, Jodi Cameron; Last row: Carrie Turnage, Carla Snowden, Becky Meadows, Erica Nordmeire, Jennifer Heideman, Kim Jacobs, Megan Coney, Jeanine Oriol; Third row: Reagan Grimsley, Angie Tubb, Clay Davis.



Dave Johnson

Musically talented members of the student body were chosen to perform at the President's inauguration. The music provided an eloquent background to this rare event.

Dr. Fleming bows low as the Presidential medallion is slipped over his head. In addition to the medallion, the inaugurated President also receives the University mace.



Dave Johnson

Dr. Fleming bows his head in a silent moment of contemplation after receiving the Presidential medallion. President Fleming has many plans to improve the university and was welcomed with open arms by the student body.



Hadley Breckenridge

Crowning *achievement*

by Misty L. Knight

The inauguration of Dr. Horace W. Fleming, Jr. on Thursday, April 16, 1998 attracted crowds of USM students, staff, faculty, and alumni as well as distinguished guests from around the world.

"The inauguration of a new president, however, is less about the person being recognized and more about the University and its continuity," declared Fleming in his inaugural address. "Everyone should participate in charting our course for the future."

USM students took this to heart.

Groups and organizations from across campus participated in the inauguration week festivities. The AASO gospel choir performed for those attending the Campus Celebration. SGA handled door prizes at the Campus Celebration. Southern Style welcomed guests for the inauguration activities. Rho Gamma helped distribute inaugural souvenirs. UAC helped with advertising, with the campus celebration, and with the inauguration ceremony. Members from every USM organization were invited to participate in the inauguration ceremony processional.

Organizers of the inaugural events, Dr. Stanley Hauer and Bonnie Warren, planned a week full of activities encouraging participation. These activities included a reception by the City of Hattiesburg, a University Convocation for the presentation of the report of the Commission on the Future of the University, a Campus Celebration, the Ecumenical Service, the Alumni Association Open House, the Installation ceremony, a campus reception, an inaugural concert and a recognition ceremony held at the Gulf Park Campus.

"The highlight of the week was the party on Kennard-Washington Plaza," said Fleming. "I would like to see something like it every year. I was pleased to see such enthusiasm from the University and the community."



Sports



Training for **EXCELLENCE**

by Alex Burns

Athletics at USM provide something for all students-entertainment for the spectators and exhilaration for the participants. USM's collegiate teams provide its athletes with training, skill and fortitude while intramural events let other students have a good time.

One of USM's moments of glory occurred when the Golden Eagles received an invitation to the Conference USA Liberty Bowl and conquered with a smashing 41-7 victory. USM's tradition of excellence in sports boosts school pride and proves that athletics are truly something for everyone.....not just the athletes.

Photo by Julie Ragusa

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Recreational Sports

by Leslie Walker

Sometimes the stress of hitting the books makes you want to hit your roommate, so USM helps to keep casualties at a minimum with a little entertainment.

The Recreational Sports division of the Payne Center provides aerobics, conditioning and relaxation classes starting as early as 6:30 a.m. Students can also get fitness assessments and have access to a massage therapist as well as personal fitness instructors. The 80-acre Lake Sehoy Park is available for students interested in camping, hiking and fishing.

All participants are encouraged to get physical examinations.

Recreational Sports also benefits the community. Evelyn Green, assistant director of marketing, sales and public relations, is excited by the way the community turns to the Payne Center first for its group meeting needs. "The Payne Center wasn't built with the intention of being the largest facility, but in terms of floor space and seating capacity, we are the largest facility in the area."

Many groups take advantage of the proximity that USM offers. Girls State, the 1997 Pine Belt Expo, Parent's Day, Fall Fest, the Recreation Assistance Program for Students with Disabilities, the Top of the Class Program, the Mayor's Youth Conference and the

first ever "A Taste of Hattiesburg" freshman expo were just a few of the hundreds of events that occur at the Payne Center year round.

The Payne Center's primary goal will always be to provide state of the art fitness and recreation for students, but Evelyn Green believes there have definitely been benefits that no one ever thought of. "Alumni, students and retirees definitely have a connection that wasn't there before. The convenience and the opportunity benefits the entire community. I feel that the Payne Center has achieved its goal of recreation, exercise and connection."

The nine million dollar Payne Center with its 2500 yard Natorium, racquetball and basketball courts, classrooms, weight room, saunas and eating facility is only in phase one. Phase two, which will develop along lines of student interest, may include an outdoor pool, jogging trail and nutritional and clinic facilities.

Rec Sports staff leads participants from Girl's State in aerobics in the Payne Center over the summer. Girl's State is sponsored by the American Legion and the Continuing Education department and held annually at USM.



Monty Lowe





Aerobics instructors **Amanda Boyles** and **Kristen Gregory** lead a group of students, alumni, and Hattiesburg residents in Heartwalk, a fitness program hosted every year by Rec Sports.

Julie Ragusa

High Caliber

by Leslie Walker

With an incredible increase in fall intramural participation, Intramural director Michael Bond saw only bigger numbers for the spring.

Ah college--classes, jobs and the sweet smack of a whiffle ball or birdie flying through the air. For hundreds of students, intramurals are a chance to relax, socialize and stomp their fellow students in the name of Eagle pride.

The Department of Recreational Sports divides over forty sports into five categories--major, minor, co-rec, individual/dual and meets.

Teams are usually comprised of students affiliated with a fraternity, sorority, residence hall or academic organization. Many students opt to help conduct the programs in the areas of clerical assistance, sales and service, facility management, public relations or computer programming.

All students, faculty, staff and spouses are eligible to participate, but the sports are limited to amateur players.

"Intramural sports is not just about awards or points; teams are here to have a good time. We give awards to add to the competitive spirit," said intramural sports director Michael Bond.

Awards are given every semester for entry, achievement, league championship, division championship and all uni-

versity championship.

Intramural sports range from perennial favorites like basketball, flag football and softball to the newly emerging Easter hop and frisbee golf.

Flag football is enjoying a surge in popularity with close to 140 teams participating for the 1998 season. The teams not only play each other, but teams throughout Mississippi and the Southeast. Volleyball and bowling also experienced an increase in participation.

The new intramural practice field and the frisbee golf playing field have given students a level of convenience and a sense of respect that may be behind the increase in interest.

"Right now we have no limits; sports and facilities will be added as students' interests change," said Bond.

Intramurals give students the chance to continue to play a sport after high school or junior college without the commitment and risk of injury that is associated with varsity sports.

Intramural soccer is one of the more popular of the intramural sports. Student groups, greek organizations, and residence halls all participate in the matches, each vying for the championship crown on equal ground.



Hadley Breckenridge



Hadley Breckenridge

For most students, basketball is a release used to sweat off some frustration after class, but here at the intramural basketball championships, competition is life. Basketball is the most popular intramural sport and groups from all over campus compete for a trophy more coveted than gold.

Adrenaline Rush

by Leslie Walker

Kicking butt is a lifestyle for these people. This isn't recreational; this isn't for fun. It's for glory, honor, and bragging rights as you lay face down in the mud.

Sports clubs are a growing division of Recreational Sports. The clubs are available to all students, faculty, staff and REC cardholders.

The main purpose is to create interest in the sport, provide socialization and allow players to improve their skills. Many also have organized tournaments.

The Sports Officials Association trains and evaluates intramural referees. Training is through clinics, written examinations, game ratings and game experience.

USM's Diver's Association and Shotokan Karate Club both provide training in beautiful, yet controlled disciplines. Diving classes are available for credit through the School of Human Performance and Recreation. Shotokan provides training in kihon, kata and kumite—basic techniques, forms and sparring.

Women's soccer, table tennis, volleyball and wrestling are all gaining student interest. These clubs concentrate on improving skills and strategy.

Racquetball and Squash, Rugby, Men's Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee clubs compete in regional and international tournaments.

The Racquetball and Squash Club, is the largest sports club on campus. In 1995-1996 the club won trophies in all fifteen of its tournaments.

The Rugby Club plays Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. The Deep South Rugby Football Union Championship has been won three out of the last four years and the team finished last year with a 12-0 record.

Men's Soccer plays teams in the southeastern area. The team finished last year with an 8-1-1 record, placing second in their conference. The team has competed in London, England and Monterrey, Mexico.

Ultimate frisbee is a noncontact sport with two seven-player teams. The club has participated in the Harvest Moon Festival, Mardi Gras and the Mud Bowl.

Winning at table tennis may not seem important to most students in Intramurals, but for **Gary Dougan** (L) and **Aaron Green**, it's a matter of life and death. Fear the white ball moving at high velocities.



Jennifer Perry



Jennifer Perry

As a blackbelt, **Terence McCellis**' hands and feet are deadly weapons. With constant practice through the USM Shotokan Karate Club, Terence receives the skill and training needed to successfully defend himself.

Spike This

by Leslie Walker

With a ferocity unexpected after last year's disappointing 14-16 season, the USM Volleyball team took fate by the reins and rode into the nightmares of their opponents.

Right now USM's volleyball team could be sitting back and waiting for the critics to come groveling with apologies, but frankly, they've got better things to do with their time.

Like marvel about how totally awesome they are.

The Southern Miss volleyball team finished the 1997 season in fifth place. Burdened with the knowledge that they hadn't had a winning season since 1990 and an expected 12th place ranking, these ladies immediately became the dark horses in the running that none but the most optimistic would favor.

"We had already improved a lot from the previous season and knew that we were a lot better than everyone was predicting," said middle hitter Shanan Powell.

Finishing the season with a 19-6 record, the volleyball team played consistently well throughout a season that included injuries, back-to-back matches and frequent flyer miles.

Southern Miss started out the season sporadically, but soon hit their stride and went on to seven consecutive victories. They played 11 home

matches, but had to go around the country to play the other 14.

Some of the highlights of the season were the three match sweep at the New Orleans tournament and their victories against De Paul, UAB, Marquette and the University of Memphis.

"Our toughest matches were against Florida, Houston and Louisville, but we played each match as if we were against national champions," said outside hitter and All-Tournament team member Tosha Barnicoat.

Hitter Shalini Job and setter Beth Keck were also named All-Tournament. Middle hitter Karen Marold emerged from the pack as a lady with one thing on her mind--killing. Her skills earned her the C-USA player of the week. Volleyball veteran Stacy Schuller blossomed into a high-caliber blocking, playing and killing machine.

Hungry for more and ready to take their newfound cohesiveness to greater heights, these ladies are the team to watch in '98.

Shanan Powell sets up the return while **Tosha Barnicoat** and **Jackie Bennet** (behind Powell) eye the De Paul players playing up the net. The Eagles defeated the Blue Demons 3-1.



Julie Ragusa



Julie Ragusa

Lady Eagle **Eri Kanazawa** sets up a spike as **Karen Marold** (L) and **Shanan Powell** brace themselves for the point opportunity.

by Kristyn Edmonds

Manifest Destiny

Conference USA got the national spotlight it deserved with a Golden Eagle team determined to do far more than just "Sieve the Season."

This year the Golden Eagle football team decided that victory was the only acceptable option and started out the season determined to win the Conference USA title outright.

USM opened the season against nationally ranked number one Florida and was slated by the college football polls to lose by at least 27 points. The Golden Eagle defense held the Gators to only 21 points. In the fourth quarter, quarterback Lee Roberts made the only touchdown of the game.

"We could have beaten the Gators, but we had too many turnovers," said Roberts.

The team came home to prepare to play Illinois. They felt confident when they traveled to Champaign to play the nationally televised game.

In the first quarter, no one scored. The first points came in the second quarter when place kicker Tim Hardaway kicked a 20-yard field goal. At halftime USM led by three points. Going into the third quarter, slot receiver Brandon Francis took a 26-yard pass from Roberts to score the first touchdown of the game. With five minutes left in the quarter Jamaal Alexander intercepted the ball and ran it back for 21 yards and

scored another touchdown to lead 17-0.

In the fourth quarter, running back Harold Shaw ran for one yard to score the Golden Eagles' final touchdown of the game. The Eagle defense only gave the Illinois team one touchdown. The Golden Eagles won 24-7.

"I think we have made a tremendous improvement. I think our program has improved," said head coach Jeff Bower. "We are in a good conference as well as a challenging one. The non-league schedule is the most difficult. It gives us a chance to achieve some of the things we want."

After going into an open weekend, the Eagles got geared up to play the Nevada Wolf Pack on September 20.

In the first quarter, split end Sherrod Gideon ran for 34 yards to make the first touchdown of the game. "He has good instincts and speed," said Bower.

The big play of the quarter came when Harold Shaw picked up one yard for a first down on a third-and-one at the

Patrick Surtain, Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year, watches from the sideline as his teammates play in freezing rain against the University of Houston. The Golden Eagles went on to defeat the Cougars 33-0.



Jored Hegwood



Dropping back to pass and eyeing receiver **Sherrod Gideon**, quarterback **Lee Roberts** gets ready to fire one of his three touchdowns against the University of Nevada.

Julie Ragusa

Harold "Big Train" Shaw, ball tucked underneath his arm, barrels downfield as receiver **Todd Pinkston** lends a helping hand with a timely block against one of the University of Nevada's Wolfpack.



goal. Then the Tide took control of the game, scored three touchdowns and won 27-13.

October 4th brought the first C-USA game of the season.

"Seven teams are trying for a conference championship and the Liberty Bowl. This is what it's all about for us," said linebacker Marchant Kenney.

The Eagles got things going quickly in the first half. Adalius Thomas had one sack and at the end of the quarter Shaw ran three yards to score the first touchdown.

Running back Maurice Gowdy scored a touchdown. Later, Booth ran 21 yards into the red zone to lead 28-3 at halftime.

In the second half, the Eagles dominated the game. Running back Tyrone Bolware and Shaw each ran for a touchdown and the Eagles went on to win 42-24.

The following week of October 11, the team traveled to Greenville, NC to sink the East Carolina Pirates. The final score was 23-13.

After the win against ECU, the Eagles prepared for one of their toughest

challenges. Tulane was coming to town to battle for Homecoming

Though rain came pouring down, fans stayed in their seats. Tulane scored a touchdown first, but Shaw countered with one in the second quarter. The Eagles led the Green Wave 13-7 going into halftime. The Eagles got two touchdowns thanks to "Big Train" Shaw. They went on to win 34-13.

"We played very hard out there. It was another good effort by our defense, and we ran the football as well as we have all year," said Bower.

The Eagles then headed to Cincinnati on November 1st. Gideon made the final touchdown to win the game 24-17. The following week USM had a challenge waiting for them.

USM prepared to battle Peyton Manning and the Volunteers. Tennessee was the first to put a score on the board. Shaw got the ball and ran for 11 yards to put the Eagles ahead of the Vols by four points.

Then Tennessee scored two touchdowns. Eric Booth ran 96 yards to bring the score up. Tennessee won the game 44-20.

"Florida, Alabama and Tennessee have beaten us, but that's okay," said Roberts. "We're still sitting atop the conference right now. We'll put this one behind us and get ready for Houston."

Even though the loss to the Volunteers made them fall out of the top 25, the Eagles didn't let that get them down. The Cougars were coming to town. The Eagles knew they had to win the last home game of the season.

The team played one of their best games of the season, defeating Houston 33-0. To top the Houston game off, excited Eagle fans ran out onto the field, ripped a goal post out of the ground and marched it to the other end of the field.

"I'm really proud of this team, and I hoped we would be (in the Top 25) after this," said Bower. "I don't mean to harp on this, but I don't think people realize how hard it was to go on the road seven times."

The Golden Eagles came away with another 8-3 season with losses only to nationally ranked teams. The Eagles ended their successful season 23 in the Top 25.



Presant Desai



Presant Desai

Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles Football 1997-1998

08-30	at University of Florida	6-21	L
09-06	at Illinois University	24-02	W
09-20	vs University of Nevada	35-19	W
09-27	at University of Alabama	13-27	L
10-04	vs Louisville University	42-24	W
10-11	at East Carolina University	23-13	W
10-25	vs Tulane University	34-13	W
11-01	at University of Cincinnati	24-17	W
11-08	at University of Tennessee	20-44	L
11-15	vs University of Houston	33-0	W
11-22	at Memphis University	42-18	W

Linebackers **Lytrel Pollard** and **Brian A. Bell** plow a Wolfpack running back into the ground. Southern Miss won over Nevada 35-19 in their first home game of the season.

Kick Boxers

by Leslie Walker

In their inaugural system, with a phenomenal 12-5 finish, the Lady Eagles set a foundation for teams to come and gave Conference USA something to talk about.

At the beginning of spring 1997, they were young women with lots of skills, but no collegiate-level training or control.

Less than half a year later, head coach John Vincent had a soccer squad of 21 Division I-worthy women from all around the country and the world.

At first no one took much notice of the games--students were diving into the semester and their schedules left little room for the mostly Monday, Wednesday and Thursday games. As the season progressed, however, fans and honors increased as the Lady Golden Eagles cut a swath of destruction throughout the South.

The team finished their inaugural season 12-5. The entire squad will be returning this fall when the team officially joins Conference USA.

"For this first year, our aim was to be solid and not give up silly goals; later we can gain depth and competitiveness," said Vincent.

The season, amazingly, had no major injuries and even managed to catch the eyes of some notable critics. *Soccer Buzz*, a national sports magazine, ranked Southern Miss fifth out of the top ten first year programs. Forward Stacey Hall, from North Ireland, was nominated

for National Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year. She was also the top scorer for her team.

"She does things with a soccer ball that belie her youth," said Vincent.

Hall and Gail Macklin, another import from the Fair Isle, were named to the First Year All-National First team.

This pair is a force to be reckoned with for any team, but USM packs a double punch with a stellar defense. April Afford, Kelli Curry, Ashleigh DeHuff, Gail Macklin, Jamie Martin, Stacie Mewhirter and Andi Robinson only allowed their 17 opponents a total of 57 points.

Forward Tereh Beth Balter--once described by her coach as faster than the speed of sound--made the First Year All-National Second Team.

Laura Allgood, Elaine Heathcotte, Souhila McReynolds, Samantha Miller, Jeannie Montrevil and Sha Niolon make up the midfield. Several members were all-city and all-state honorees during college. Goalkeepers Amanda Chitton and Hope Herron finish off the roster.

Forward **Stacey Hall** leaps over a slide tackle thrown by a McNeese State defender readying one of her 23 goals of the season. Southern Miss topped McNeese 4-0.



Julie Ragusa



Julie Rogusa

Halfback **Samantha Miller** sets up to pass to another of her teammates. Miller, a freshman from Prospect, Kentucky, holds several records at her high school and was a three time all-state, all-region and all-district selection.

Hard Knocks

by Leslie Walker

The Lady 'Eagles' endless hours of sweat, blood and tears led to a slight improvement over last year's disappointing record of 13-14, boosting hopes for future seasons.

Lately, no matter how high our Eagles have flown, something seems to be trying to pull them back. However, nothing has stopped them from putting every bit of conference-winning talent into their games and remaining optimistic about this and future seasons.

The 1996-97 season ended 13-14 and 1997-1998 brought a hard-fought 15-11. Everyone had their own opinions on whether this was representative of the magnitude of talent on the team--coaches, players, students and alumni. While coaches and administration decide on the best program, the ladies will continue to work with the things that are so right on their team.

When the game starts, no team tears more voraciously into their prey than the Eagles. Standing off to the side, alternately urging her ladies into a melee of elbows and flying bodies and praying that no one gets hurt, is three-time Metro Conference Coach of the Year Kay James.

Beautiful and poised, her impeccable attire at the games belies a passionate competitor who was once a player herself.

The talent that made her a standout player at Harrison Central High School

translates well into a courtside strategy that anticipates both the talents of her players and the nuances of the opposing team.

Coach James has also been voted Conference USA Coach of the Year and her .661 winning percentage placed her among the nation's top active coaches. During this decade the Lady Eagles have attended five NCAA conferences, three Metro Conference tournaments and won two regular season titles. Despite an obvious difference in numbers for this year, Coach James is very happy with the progress that the team has made and the cohesiveness that they have achieved.

"We had five freshmen this year and were rebuilding our team. We have signed two new players for the fall and are planning on two more for the spring. These girls work together amazingly well," said Coach James.

The Eagles only had one major injury this year--post player Shayla Franklin injured her knee. Overall, the team stayed the same. Point guards Angela Atterberry (continued on p. 266)

Alyson Hardy, center, fires a well placed bounce pass to "**Duma**" **Reed**, number 32. "Duma" scored on the opportunity as Hardy's role of team anchor became more apparent to herself and Southern Miss fans alike.



Jennifer Perry



Jennifer Perry

Forward **Melody "Duma" Reed**, crowded by LSU players, takes a determined leap; the square on the backboard her only focus. One of '97's leading scorers, Melody is renowned for her speed and jumping ability.

Number 11, **Angela Johnson**, one of the most heavily recruited freshman girls in Mississippi last year, searches for an open teammate. Unable to find one, Johnson takes the two points to the hole herself. The Lady Eagles, however, fell to LSU 44-55.



and Angela Johnson filled the void left by four-year veteran Nedra Hosey. Despite their youth, both have proven to be at the top of their field. Atterberry was considered one of the top guards during her Conference freshman season and Johnson was a Mississippi All-Star.

Senior Felicia Wallace returned as shooting guard. Wallace is a tenacious defender who confuses players who expect a more offensive player. Candace Keyes and Tiffany Porter also returned to their guard positions.

Lashonda Smith, one of the newest members to the elite 1,000 point club returned as small forward. Smith has made a name for herself in Conference USA despite sitting out the 1996-96 season.

"LaShonda is considered to be one of the top three-point shooters in Conference USA. She brings speed to the team and has committed herself to reaching even greater heights this summer," said Coach James.

Krystal Courtney and Summer Montgomery, both Louisiana natives, rounded out the paint squad.

Forward Melody "Duma" Reed was one of only two players to start every

game and led the team in rebounding.

Freshman forward Nellisha Underwood, "Dandy Dozen" selection in high school, averaged 19 points a game for the team.

Fans were blown away by Alyson Hardy and her powerful presence as center. After gaining experience as a starter last season and a demanding weight training schedule to build strength, Alyson became an anchor for the team. She was supported by juniors Shayla Franklin, who was later injured, and freshman Alex Gonzales.

Keeping a team in top condition while they try to balance classes and travel to over 15 away games is more work than one person can handle. Luckily Coach James is backed by an impressive staff.

1997-98 was the third season for assistant head coach Chris Carroll. His hard work in connection with recruiting has paid off for the Eagles in the form of four junior college All-Americans, three high school All-Americans and players-of-the-year from Alabama and Louisiana.

Portland McCaskill-Brown and Mary Bolton serve as assistant coaches.

This is the ninth season for McCaskill-Brown. She is arguably one of the better players that USM has ever produced and was the first female player in USM history to score over 2,000 points. She was also the second female athlete inducted into the USM Sports Hall of Fame. She now spends her time recruiting, coaching perimeter players, coordinating team travel and scouting.

Bolton joins the team this year as the graduate assistant coach. While working on her master's degree in coaching and sports administration, Bolton assists the other assistant coaches.

Managers and trainers complete the team-within-a-team that is responsible for taking these ladies to their limits.

Overall, things look especially good for the team. All of the players plan on returning in the fall after a summer of training.

USM is behind the team 100%. Coach James is grateful for a supportive administration.

"I feel that I have the full support of the university. That is what makes a difference during the season."



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Melony Reed lets fly a free throw near the end of the first half. Forward **Krystal Courtney** and center **Angela Johnson** look on in anticipation.

Lady Eagle guard **Lashonda Smith** and forward **Shayla Franklin** shut down a South Alabama opponent at their Dec.9 meeting at Reed Green Colliseum.

by Leslie Walker and Jared Hegwood

Hit Men

In his sophomore Southern Miss season, Coach James Green suffered dissension in the ranks, exiting players, open criticism and still finished a winner in every sense of the word.

The team is small--only 15 players--and has been plagued by problems, but a never-say-die attitude helped catapult the men's basketball team to a 22--11 record, ending a back-to-back losing season trend.

"This year we are going to go in saying that the game is ours to win, and the other teams are going to have to figure out a way to beat us," said head coach James Green.

Tough talk for a team picked to finish nearly dead last in Conference USA; 5th in the National Division and 10th overall in the conference.

Though Coach Green never had a doubt, these fateful words at the beginning of the 1997-1998 season were considered daring by some and damning by most. Luckily, and thanks in no small part to the hard work of the assistant coaches, Coach Green had a mix of seasoned players and burgeoning stars to back his words up with actions.

The team this year included four returning players who were starters in Conference USA, two Division I transfers, three junior college transfers and three freshman; depth and talent at every position.

This year instead of fighting to hold

on, the Golden Eagles were able to have a little fun while entertaining fans with some really outstanding basketball playing.

"This year we were able to give a full effort every time, but we no longer had to 'make do' with what we had," said Coach Green.

Such a small and basically new team gave members a chance to explore their options and become proficient from any position on the court. Now all of the players have a niche that allows them to use the widest range of their abilities.

Noticeably absent was the presence of Damien Smith at point guard. Southern Miss' leading scorer for three consecutive seasons, Smith was a major producer at point and a talent at making the crucial plays. Three newcomers, two strangers to the team and an old friend, stepped into the role. Juniors Arthur Stapleton and Juan Bragg and freshman Mel Cauthen rotated the responsibility.

All three players were strong defenders and could handle the ball under

Senior forward **Kelly McCarty** fakes out a Marquette defender and scores on the upcoming opportunity. McCarty, 6-7 and 201 lbs, has been a consistent starter all season alternating between playing forward and guard. He led the Eagles in scoring with 14.6 points per game.



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Center **Vandarel Jones** makes like Mike taking flight over a University of Houston player in a 63-43 win at Reed Green Colliseum. A sophomore, Jones continues to increase in playing time and has significantly increased his scoring and rebounding output.

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With a defiant roar, Vandarel Jones lands after a thunderous slam against the Golden Eagles of Marquette University. Despite a late surge in the final minutes of the game, the Eagles lost 43-46.



pressure, but each one brought something unique to the game.

"Juan can shoot the ball from anywhere, but needs to work on his defense; Arthur is a true point guard who excels in distributing the ball and playing pressure defense; Mel has developed by leaps and bounds, he will definitely be an asset to the team," said Coach Green.

Despite Stapleton's previous experience and Bragg's familiarity with the team, it was Cauthen who made the most impact at point. Cauthen averaged 6.5 points per game but impressed Coach Green enough to start 30 of 33 games. He also ranked 6th in assists in Conference USA.

Also returning this year were the dynamic duo of shooting guard Jimmie Floyd and small forward Kelly McCarty. Floyd, a senior, averaged 9.1 points per game last year, a major threat as perimeter shooter while McCarty, a three year starter, continues to be the go-to-guy. Despite a sudden decrease in point percentage last year, McCarty still finished the team's leading scorer at 14.6 and leading rebounder with Floyd close be-

hind with 13.9.

The most impressive performance was the emergence of Vandarel Jones as a key factor in the team's success. After sitting out last year, Jones, who Coach Green likens to Dennis Rodman, averaged 8.3 points per game, 10.9 in conference play. Jones finished the season ranked 5th in conference blocking and three quarters through the season was number one in free throw percentage.

With talent like this, it would only make sense that 1998 be a smooth ride, but fate turned the team on it's head.

The beginning of the year began golden with USM going undefeated in the preseason with wins against teams such as Vasda and Slovakia Select. Things continued to improve with a six game winning streak followed shortly by a 5 game streak.

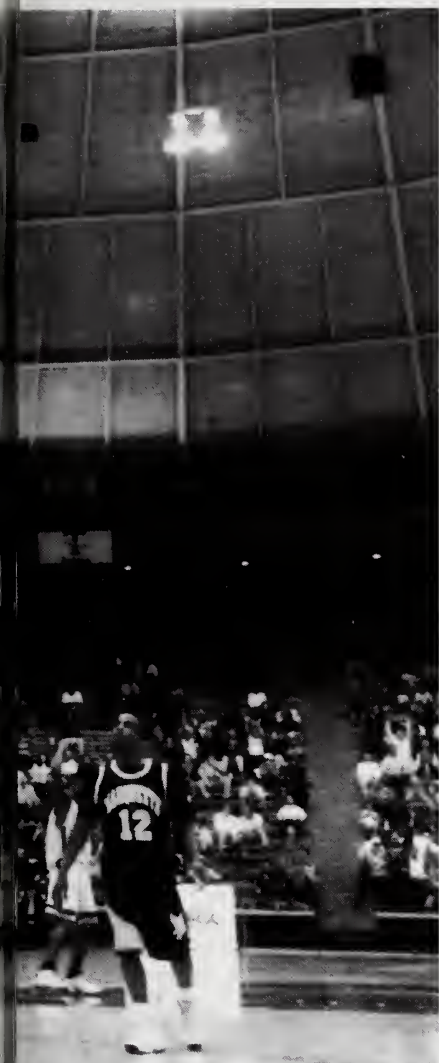
Mid-season, however, things took a turn for the worse as two key players left the team. Adalius Thomas, bandit end for the football program, felt undue pressure was being put on his knee, already strained from the football season, and cut his season short.

Anthony Richards, Conference Freshman of the Year 1997, quit for personal reasons. This loss was unexpected and hard since the Eagles were in the middle of a five game losing slump, all to Conference teams.

Coach Green's team snapped back with another five consecutive wins and the race began to heat up for the Conference. March Madness was just around the corner and a win at the Conference USA championships would guarantee an invite to the NCAA championships.

Southern Miss entered the tournament ranked 6th overall and looking to take down 11th place Houston. A 73-57 blowout of the Cougars led into a bout with the 3rd ranked Memphis Tigers. The Eagles took that game too with an even more impressive rout of 85-57. Coach Green's team was positioned for a sweep of the tournament when the 49ers of UNC Charlotte handed the Eagles a heartbreak loss of 53-65.

Despite the loss and the lack of an NCAA tournament bid, the Eagles broke their losing streak for a 22-11 season and an invite to the NIT tournament.



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Taking the alley-oop from **Kelly McCarty**, **Eric Lee** stretches long and takes the slam as Southern Miss topped Houston 63-43 in conference play.

Head Coach **James Green** guides his team from the sidelines as the Eagles win over Oral Roberts 72-50. Coach Green's Eagles, predicted to finish 5th in the National Division and 10th in Conference USA overall, instead went on to a 3rd and 6th ranking.

by Christina Gates

Teed Off

A year of rebuilding past, the Men's and Women's teams took their places on the green with hopes of a Conference USA championship and the building blocks for the future.

Golf is the only sport at USM that if a player scores low, it's a good thing. Twenty hours a week, the men's and women's golf teams are on the greens practicing to hit farther, score less.

All the hard work paid off for the women's team as they broke several records including the USM all-time lowest score at the Conference USA tournament. The all-time individual stroke record was lowered when three individuals broke the previous record.

The team lowered their team stroke average by 10 strokes to 321, and improved their winning percentage to 65 compared to 21.5 last year.

"I've been very happy with the way they've been playing," Coach Steve Johnson said. "For as young as they are, I've been amazed by their performance. They're the best group I've ever seen."

Top players on the women's team include captain Erin Doyle, sophomore, who has the team's lowest stroke average and was named in the Mastercard Collegiate Golf Rankings. "Doyle has been a complete asset to the our program," Johnson said.

Marella Canepa, a freshman from Lima, Peru, has the second lowest stroke average and was the first player named

to the all-conference team. Canepa learned about the team from two friends who also came to play for USM.

Rounding out the team are Claire Dent, a transfer who played well despite injuries, and Jamie Sims, named all-tournament in the fall at the Bale Chevrolet-Honda Invitational.

The men's team placed eighth in the C-USA Men's Championship. Greg Howell placed third and made first team all-conference having four top ten finishes for the year.

V.J. Trolio, senior, placed first at the Arkansas State Invitational and finished as a top 20 player at every tournament. He was ranked No. 1 in C-USA going into the final tournament.

Despite these performances, the men's team did not meet the expectations they had set for the year.

"We'll do better than next year. I think we'll be more experienced," men's Coach Sam Hull said.

"I think we took steps to being really good." Steve Sowards, junior, said.

Marella Canepa, a freshman from Lima, Peru, is the women's team's leading scorer. It's been a strange trip for Canepa, coming to USM after hearing of it from a friend, to becoming the first women's player to make the 1998 Conference USA team.



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On the greens at Van Hook Golf Course, **V.J. Trolino**, one of the higher ranking players in Conference USA, takes a practice shot between tournaments. Finishing in the top twenty at every tournament, Trolino's presence will be sorely missed next year.

Sports Info

by Jared Hegwood and Kristyn Edmonds

Match Point

Maturing teams with the scars and victories to prove it, USM's tennis programs called their own shots fortifying the apparent dynasties to come.

In the wake of such massive upheaval, it would be understandable for a team to choke early in the season, but Coach Teddy Viator's Golden Eagles continued to improve in Conference USA season play.

This past year, both teams have gone under extreme restructuring. With the loss of nearly every player from both teams, including the nationally ranked women's team, Coach Viator had his hands full putting together a team to successfully challenge for the C-USA title. But new recruits, American and international, have stepped up playing with a ferocity belying their years.

Entering the season ranked #56 in the nation, all looked bright. During February, senior Toby Simpson, a Zachary, LA native, entered at 87 in the national rankings, remaining ranked for the remainder of the spring.

The team, however, struggled during the season with a string of defeats to nationally ranked teams, most notably Mississippi State (#4), Mississippi (#5) and Alabama (#20). Coach Viator wasn't disappointed, "We played one of the five hardest schedules in the nation, playing only three non-ranked teams." Despite a somewhat disappointing finish of 8-14,

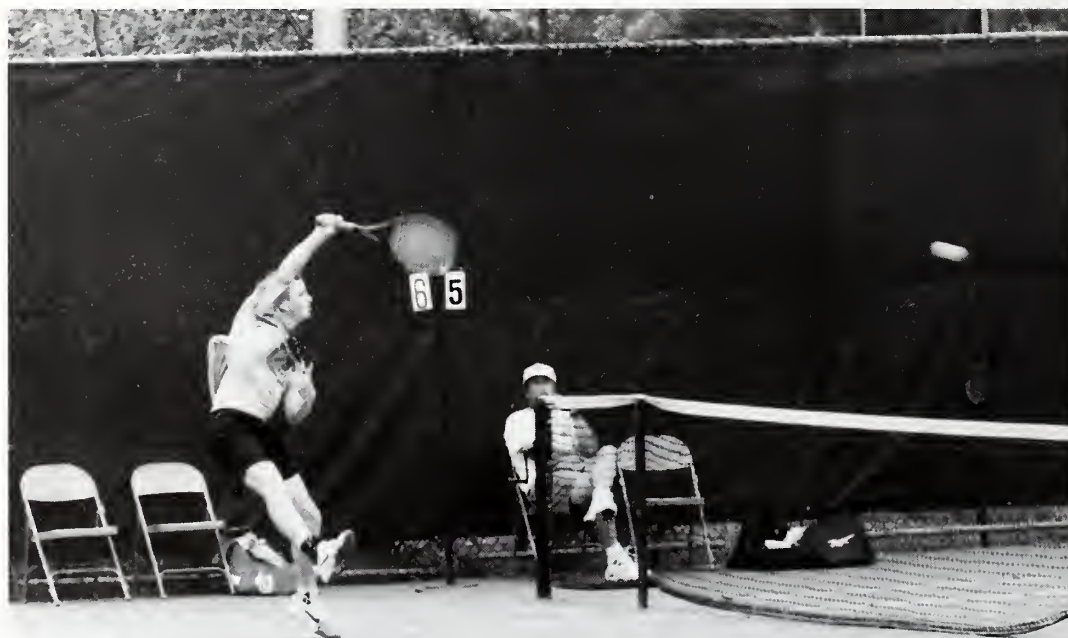
the Eagles entered the Conference USA tournament seeded at No. 6, going on to win three of four matches ending the year ranked #5 in the Conference and awaiting word of a NCAA bid. On a brighter note, the women's team, under first year coach Chris Hayden, had a tough act to follow after the performance of last year's 44th ranked team.

Beginning the year ranked #71 in the ITA spring rankings, the ladies finished strong with its first winning record since 1985. With strong play from Caroline Weems, Martina Zichova, Tiina Rautajoki and Marie Lindberg, the women's team had developed a corps of strong freshmen to build upon.

"We've had a great year since we have a very young group. The team's very young but we have unlimited potential.", said Coach Hayden.

Coach Hayden's team entered the Conference USA tournament seeded No. 6 losing only to eventual champion Houston to finish 5th, a sure sign of good things to come.

Andreas Tiltcher, a freshman from Beuren, Germany, smashes an overhead lob against a New Orleans opponent. Andreas, an avid fan of American culture, has been playing tennis for several years and posted a 17-19 record overall and 3-0 in C-USA tournament play.



Presant Desai



Serving is an art form as freshman **Jackie Prew** knows all too well. Her first year on the tennis team has been a successful one ending the season with a dual record of 10-9, C-USA tournament of 3-1, and an overall '98 record of 15-17.

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Fast Forward

by Jared Hegwood

With a new coaching staff and a new outlook, USM's modern-day Mercuries took their starting positions and charted all-new territory.

Coach Wayne Williams, Southern Miss' new track coach, came into 1998 with his eyes wide open. After a sluggish '97 season, the Eagles had all but hit bottom, and with the loss of head coach of 18 years, Marshall Bell, things looked even bleaker.

Enter Williams, former assistant coach at the University of Alabama. In his 19 seasons, Williams had coached 13 Olympians, three World Champions, and 159 All-Americans. Southern Miss' track team had found a shepherd. "We have a well-balanced group and we expect some very good things. I am optimistic about this season."

For the first third of the season, Cross Country, everyone was waiting for the new coach's team to take the field. The women's squad, always a consistent and solid force, placed in the top five in three of their six meets; while the men finished strongly, finishing in the top 50% of all six meets, placing in the top ten in all but the South Region 10,000m.

January 17 began the indoor track and field schedule with the Eagles ready to maintain the level of performance they had shown earlier. Mostly non-scoring events, the major show from the men came from Kevin Heard, placing

second in both the ASU Invitational and the LSU Purple Tiger Classic for the long jump; and Dywon Pullins in the triple jump coming in second at the ASU invite and third at the LSU Twilight Invitational. Stellar performances came from the ASU Invitational with Jamie Arriaga taking first in the 3,000m and Brian Bundren doing the same for the 5,000.

The women suffered no lack of stars as Rebecca Thornell and Charity Wilkinson took first in the one-mile run and 5,000m respectively. Thornell also placed second in the 800m and set a USM record for the same. Other strong finishes came from Tamara Rodrigues, Kacey Hamblin, Brittany Sublet, and Mirescha Childs.

Despite next year's loss of Henry Wilson, Eddie Shaw, and Matt Guinan, Williams remains optimistic about the future of the team. "Transfers this year from Africa and Jamaica will provide some help." Kevin Heard, Junior Wilson and Jamie Arriaga, among others, will return, a good sign for coming years.

The USM Men's Track team braves all kinds of conditions, constantly training for their meets. Even on this sweltering, humid March day, they push forward. Left to right: **Tony Varvoutis, Ryan Jones, George Tennort, Jamie Arriaga, and Marvin Martinez** sprint after class on a torturous Thursday.



Present Desai



Kacey Hamblen, **C**harity Wilkinson, and **B**rian Bundren jog steadily along, warming up before practice. Charity, a sophomore general studies major, holds the Southern Miss outdoor 5k record with 19:02.3. Brian and Kacey, both distance runners as well, are solid performers for the team.

Presant Desai

Line Drive

by Kristyn Edmonds

With Major League worthy action going down in Pete Taylor Park, there was never a better time for bad hot dogs and fly balls than 1997, the year of the Eagle.

It was the realization of a lifelong dream for Corky Palmer when he was named the head baseball coach at his alma mater in June of 1997, and so far Palmer has not regretted for a moment taking the reins of the team.

"You have to create a philosophy and this job is a job that I have always wanted," said Palmer. "This team will strive to be the best in the Conference."

The team gained several recruits this year, including Eric Adams, pitcher; David Grice, pitcher; Scott Cheek, third baseman and Drew Johnson, pitcher. The Golden Eagle baseball players chosen to lead the team in the 1998 season are seniors Adams; Brady Mills, right field and Jeremy Schied, first base. This season, these three seniors and Coach Palmer gave gotten off to a pretty good start.

"It feels like home here to me because of Coach Palmer. Coach expects me to give 100% every time I go out there, and that is what I do," said Johnson.

Cheek put his name in the USM record book against UNO on March 4. Cheek recorded a pair of triples in the Eagles' 19-7 victory, making him just the tenth player in school history to record

two triples in a game.

"Cheek and Johnson played on the best team at Meridian," said Palmer. "They know what is expected of them because I have coached them before. They're performing at a higher level at USM because of where they came from."

Even though Palmer recruited players from Meridian Community College, the recruiting efforts this year have yielded players from all over the United States. Of the 30 players on the Eagles' roster only 13 are from Mississippi. The other players hail from states ranging from California to New York.

"The senior leadership has been pretty good. Mills, Schied and Adams are three outstanding ball players and they lead more by example," said assistant Coach Dwyer.

Schied, from Wyoming, made a huge impression in being named to the 1998 Conference preseason team. He is the third player in USM history with at least

Freshman first baseman **DeQuincey Scott** readies his swing, eyeing the fastball careening towards the plate. Southern Miss finished against **Louisville** 8-3 on March 27th; losing to the Cardinals in their next two conference meetings.



Jennifer Perry



Bradly Mills, Southern Miss' starting right-fielder, prepares for the pitch during the Eagle's 13-1 spanking of conference rival, Cincinnati. Southern Miss took two of their three meetings with the Bearcats.

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Eric Adams, senior and starting pitcher, along with Jeremy Schied and Brady Mills, acts as one of Southern Miss' three captains for 1998.



150 at bats to hit better than .400 for an entire season. Schied accomplished that feat despite missing better than three weeks recuperating after breaking a bone in his right forearm when he was hit by a pitch at Houston. He came back after the injury to play in 18 of the final 19 games of the season, he closed last season with a career best 13-game hit streak.

"It's a big responsibility and a big part of being a senior as far as trying to lead a group. I try to show the guys how to play by example because I'm not a very vocal person. I love playing the game and I play hard. I know what I can do as a player and I try to go out and do my best," said Schied.

Adams came into the season as the Eagles' starting pitcher. He missed two starts because of tendinitis in his pitching shoulder. He had eight starts on the year and recorded a season high eight strikeouts in his outing against Louisville. Midway through the season, he led the conference in ERA on the season at 1.91.

Mills, from Henderson, TX, is one

of the team's leadoff hitters and top base stealing threat. He reached base at least once in every game last year and has scored at least one run in every game. Mills is an outstanding defensive outfielder and considers himself a perfectionist.

"I'm never really satisfied with what I do. I go out and hit and do what I've got to do. I want things done right as often as I can. Coach Palmer is one of the fairest coaches I've ever played for and you know where you stand with him," said Mills.

Junior Cliff Wren, from Petal, is one of the conference's leading hitters. He hit safely in every game he played last season. Wren was named to the Winn-Dixie Showdown All-Tournament team after hitting for the cycle against UNO despite not starting the game; later in the season, he started in right field against Louisville.

Wren started in place of Jeremy Albritton, a junior from McComb, who pulled his hamstring.

Scoring early became a trademark of the team. USM scored in the

first inning during the first 11 games of the season. The team has also had at least one double in every game and had multiple triples in all but one game. The March 15 game against Cincinnati delivered a season high of 11 extra-base hits. The average Southern Miss hitter batted .449 when leading off an inning and .337 with there were runners in scoring position.

After hitting five home runs in the first five games of the season Albritton went ten without a single home run. He broke out of his slump with homers against Cincinnati and fell back until homering against Memphis.

Overall, the team's play was excellent, with few areas needing shoring up.

Coach Palmer's time waiting in the wings for a coaching position has been well worth his patience. Finishing with a 30-28 record in his first year, he has cemented his place in the annals of baseball being inducted into USM's Hall of Fame.



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Southern Mississippi Baseball 97-98

Record

30W-28L

Conference

12W-15L

Non-Conference

18W-13L

Nicholls State	18-13			
Troy State	5-7			
Kentucky	15-10	6-10		
South Alabama	8-14	8-1		
New Orleans	16-3	19-7	14-2	
Tulane	1-5	5-14	8-21	3-10
Louisiana State	4-16			
Northern Illinois	12-6	10-4	14-11	
Jackson State	14-2			
Southeastern Louisiana	11-0			
Cincinnati	7-8	4-0	13-1	
Southwest Missouri State	8-9	10-6		
UAB	6-7	7-8	6-3	
Alabama	3-13			
Louisville	8-3	3-5	4-6	
Memphis	3-2	13-5	10-1	7-6
Ole Miss	7-19	17-10	10-6	7-15
UNC Charlotte	12-5	8-10	6-7	3-13
South Florida	3-6	0-1	6-1	5-6
Mississippi State	6-1	6-1	3-4	0-11
Saint Louis	5-3	14-0	14-6	
Houston	1-3	4-6	5-17	6-5

Senior first baseman **Jeremy Schied** tags out a Mississippi State Bulldog with uncanny ease. Schied, a second team All-Conference USA selection, is just the third player in Southern Miss history to hit better than .400 in a season.

by Leslie Walker Fever Pitch

Kicking high and taking names, for some the high point of the season wasn't the Liberty Bowl champion Eagles, but the fever-inducing USM Cheerleaders.

When the rain is pouring and an icy wind is blowing through, it's going to take a lot more than a few field goals to keep the fans in their seats.

Take a little choreography, a little music and a whole lot of work, and you can keep fans screaming through any game.

USM's basketball and football games just somehow would not be the same without these powerful, graceful performers and their mascot, Seymour.

Many people that would not know a homerun from a free throw come to join in the community spirit that is created when the cheerleaders take the field.

Approximately 25 men and women comprise the varsity and junior varsity squad. All of the women have extensive training in gymnastics and the men have the strength to perform lifts, though they are later trained in all areas of cheering.

Coach Tim Giron, returning for his second year, could not be happier with his squad.

"This was already a great program, but my main goal was to raise the standards. Now that the students have a more cohesive program, this year's goal is oriented more towards building stronger students, as well as athletes," said

Giron.

This year's squad is back from competition and ready to set even higher goals for next year.

The Universal Cheerleaders Association Collegiate Camp in Tuscaloosa, AL, attracts cheerleading squads from all over the country. USM competed with 15 other schools in its region and tied with Alabama for the first place in cheering. USM also placed second in sideline and fourth for their fight song.

"I'm extremely pleased with the overall changes in the game since around 1994--our cheering, the fan support and USM's record," said veteran cheerleader of over 10 years Jennifer Richards.

The cheering program is very competitive and only about two-thirds of the applicants are chosen for further training. The program has improved steadily over the years and last year USM qualified for the nationals.

"I'm graduating, but I know we'll make nationals again," said Richards.

Seymour and one of his legions of fans converse before a Southern Miss basketball game. Seymour, a pivotal figure in USM doings, discusses the housing shortage with one of the freshman class of 2010.



Jennifer Perry



The introduction of the basketball team is always exciting and a great time for the crowd to become energized. The **Eagle Cheerleaders** take full advantage of the strobe lights and loud music, riling the fans' Eagle spirit.

Jennifer Perry

Primary Care

by Leslie Walker

Pop quz, hotshot: It's third and long, ball on the 20 and you're down by seven. Your starting quarterback is favoring his shoulder as he comes off the field. Who do you call?

Sometimes it's a hard job, but they love to do it.

USM's managers and trainers are students at the top of their programs that balance full academic loads and the responsibility of working behind the scenes of all of the varsity sports on campus.

Their duties include maintaining the field, replacing and repairing equipment and keeping the players in top physical condition. In exchange, they get valuable on-the-job experience and scholarships.

"Sometimes it's a really hard job, even though I love sports. During the season we sometimes work 25-30 hours a week," said senior sports medicine and athletic training major John Dussouy.

USM has the only certified athletic training program in Mississippi. It is limited to 40 students per year, and usually has about 30 students on the waiting list.

Most of the students plan on becoming coaches, trainers or teachers. The average student is still male, but every year growing numbers of females apply and are accepted. Amie Calamari, a junior sports medicine major from Louisiana first heard about the possibility of

becoming an athletic trainer at gymnastics camp.

"I had gotten injured and the more I talked to the trainer who was helping me, the more of an interest I took. After I get my graduate degree I'm going to work with gymnastics students," said Calamari.

Brooks Burns, a graduate assistant, wants to use his degree to teach.

"Right now I exclusively work with football. During the season, I can sometimes work between 40-65 hours a week. The equipment managers are responsible for everything--coaches apparel, shoes, uniforms, safety equipment and practice equipment like cones and tackling dummies," said Burns.

Each year approximately 500 applications are sent to high school coaches in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. Candidates must go through an interview and the number of trainers chosen for a particular sport is dependent on the budget for that sport and feedback from the coaches.

Head Trainer **Kevin Culpepper** helps pitcher **David Grice** work out a strained muscle before Southern's home game against Troy State. Trainers play an extremely important role in the physical and mental health of the players they work with.



Jennifer Perry



Assistant trainer **Chaucer Funchess** spots Eagle quarterback **Lee Roberts** during one of the teams daily Spring Training workouts. These strength and conditioning workouts are a prime example of trainers' dedication to the physical health of USM's athletes. Track, basketball, soccer and volleyball are all supported by fitness trainers.

Hadley Breckenridge



Community



Contributions of **EXCELLENCE**

by Kyle Bray

A key lesson learned in life is that no one can stand alone; one must learn to rely on the assistance of others. This adage holds true for the life of the University as well.

Although USM is largely self-sufficient, support from the surrounding community keeps the University at its peak performance. The community provides funding for the University, jobs for students and recreational activities.

By supporting each other, both USM and the community are able to reach heights that would be impossible to scale alone.

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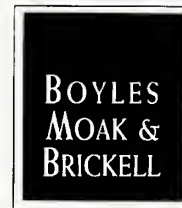
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Well, this was definitely a year to remember, and a difficult one to crank out a three hundred plus page yearbook. The year began rather turbulently, with over half of our staff quitting, and the rest of us trying to compensate for it afterward. This is the result of our endless hours of effort. We did it, and we are proud of the result.

Thank you Becky, for all the invaluable work that you did for us this year. We couldn't have gotten this thing off the ground without you, and we wish you and your daughter the best.

Thank you Wendy, for the great job that you did this year. Reminder: You still owe Kyle and I a night out.

Thank you to our photographers Jennifer, Monty and Hadley. You were there for us when we needed you the most, and this book is largely a product of your backbreaking efforts.

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To all those who contributed to the book, tolerated our sometimes insane demands, or those that we stepped on in the production of this book, I extend to you our hearty appreciation.

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Losses

by Alex Burns

In the fall of 1997, two leading figures in the struggle for a better future died unexpectedly, leaving a shocked world asking why it had to happen.

Diana, Princess of Wales, and her friend, Dodi Fayed, were killed in a car accident in Paris, France. The couple had left their suite at the Ritz, only to find a large crowd of photographers waiting for them. Attempting to elude the paparazzi, the couple exited through the rear of the hotel, boarded a chauffeured Mercedes S280, and slipped away shortly after midnight.

Their attempt to get away from the public eye was only partially successful, as the Mercedes was spotted on Rue Cambdon. Soon, the paparazzi was in pursuit on motorcycles.

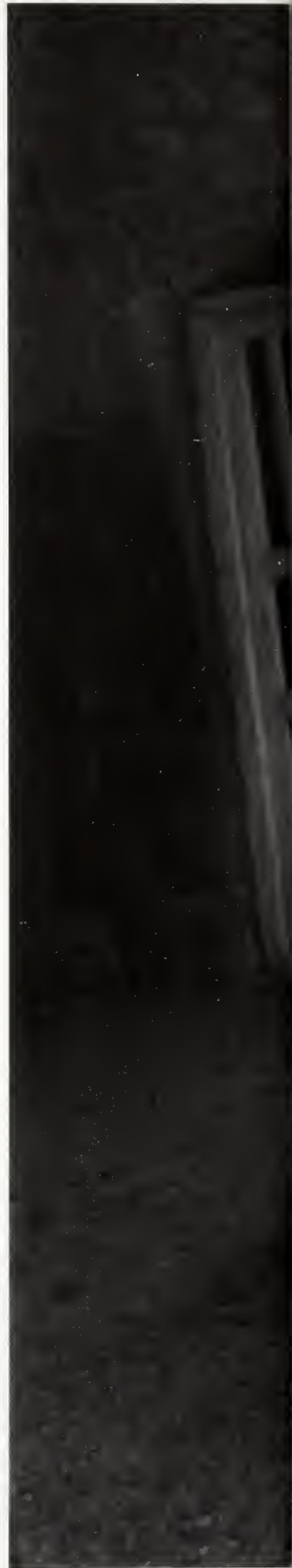
Attempting to elude the press, the Mercedes dove into a tunnel, a move that had fatal consequences. The car smashed into the thirteenth pillar which separated the two carriageways of the tunnel. Dodi Fayed and the driver, Henri Paul, were killed on impact. Diana suffered massive injuries to the head and chest. She was taken to a hospital and was declared dead at four o'clock in the morning.

During her lifetime, Diana worked endlessly for various humanitarian goals. She was admired by all for her compassion towards children, AIDS patients, and for attempting to eliminate land mines still active in the world today. World leaders everywhere expressed sadness at Diana's death, including Nelson Mandela, Boris Yeltsin and Mother Teresa. President Bill Clinton said that he was "profoundly saddened" by the tragedy.

Shortly after the death of Princess Diana, another great humanitarian leader passed away, as well. Mother Teresa of Calcutta died of cardiac arrest at the age of eighty-seven.

Mother Teresa, a Roman Catholic nun known as a "saint on Earth," devoted her life to helping those that she referred to as "the poorest of the poor." These unfortunate souls included the poor, the outcast, the maimed and the dying, but their various afflictions made no difference to Mother Teresa. She took the time to make a difference in countless people's lives, often visiting the sites of disasters and offering her services and prayers for the victims. She also founded the "Missionaries of Charity" in 1948, beginning with only twelve members, and growing to encompass more than four hundred and fifty centers worldwide. For her efforts, Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

The world seems a little darker now, as we mourn these two great women. We can only hope that we can carry on their dream of peace and prosperity for everyone.





Mother Teresa was among the most well-known and highly respected women in the world in the later half of the twentieth century. She dedicated her life to helping the poor, sick and the dying throughout the world. Winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, **Mother Teresa** died at age 87 of heart failure at her convent in Calcutta.

The death of **Princess Diana** flooded London with a crowd of mourners larger than the crowd seen at the end of World War II. Diana's sons, **William** and **Harry**, stood in attendance, along with **Prince Charles**, as her body was taken into Westminster Abbey.



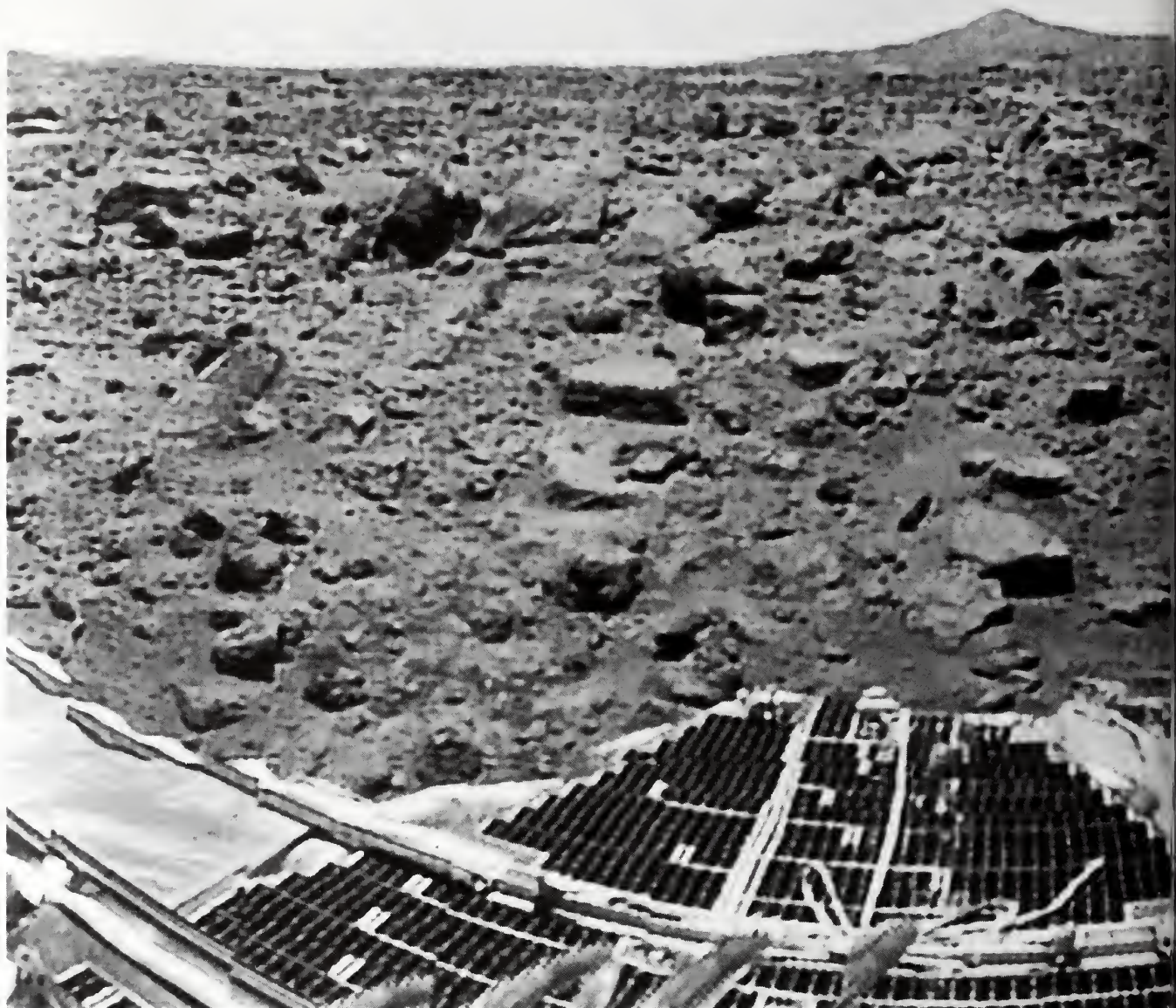
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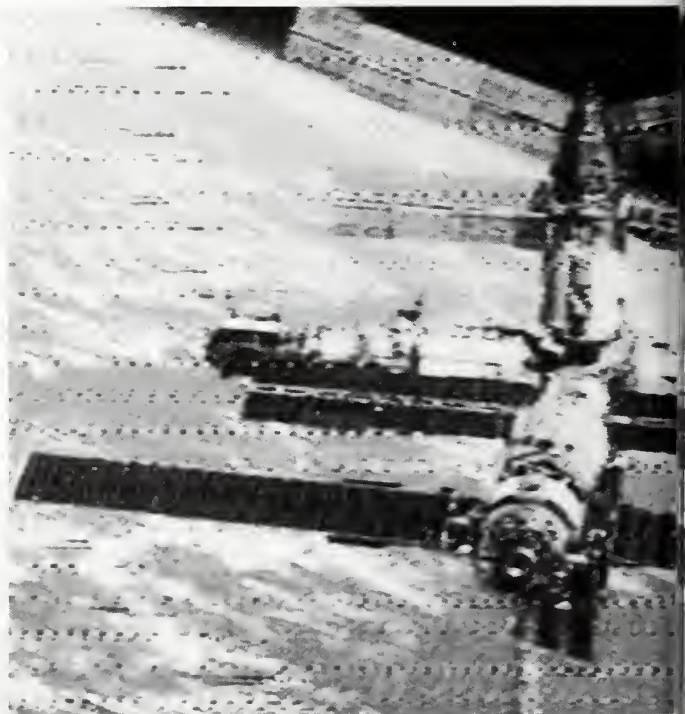
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Killed in a car accident in Paris, France, **Princess Diana** left behind a world shocked at the tragedy, and raised questions concerning the ethics of tabloid photographers. More than one million bouquets were left by mourners outside the royal palaces.

First photos of the Martian surface were transmitted back to Earth by the roving component of Pathfinder, known as Sojourner. The rover, about the size of a microwave oven, transmitted a flood of data back to scientists on Earth.



The first component of the Mir Space Station was launched in 1986. Except for two brief gaps, the space station has been manned continuously ever since. A near disaster occurred in 1997 when a shuttle collided with the station while attempting to dock. However, the competent crew of Mir secured the station and avoided a total catastrophe.





Discovery

by Alex Burns

For over ten years, an incredible and wondrous device has been orbiting the planet Earth. Launched on February 19, 1986, the Mir space station has been a means of uniting the world in space exploration, combining twenty-four different crews from Afghanistan, Austria, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Japan, Syria, the United Kingdom, the United States, Russia and others, totalling more than a dozen different participating countries.

Launched in a series of different components, the Mir Space Station had been first constructed on Earth, then assembled while in orbit. The station is regularly supplied by shuttle runs, and an operating crew has remained with the station at all times.

During the summer of 1997, an accident occurred on the Mir Space Station. A resupply ship collided with the station, causing a temporary loss of air pressure and forcing the crew of two Russians and one American to take emergency measures. The crew quickly and successfully worked to secure the station.

In 1994, the United States and Russia agreed to conduct joint missions to Mir. These missions are paving the way to construction of an international space station, which is scheduled to be constructed and in orbit by 2002.

Space exploration has not ended with Mir, however. The deployment of Pathfinder on the surface of Mars has provided us with valuable information concerning the Red Planet.

Pathfinder impacted with the surface of Mars at approximately forty miles per hour, cushioned by parachutes, airbags and rockets. The roving machine, controlled by an Earth-based operator took readings of the atmosphere, analyzed the Martian soil and explored the planet's geography.

The mission continued for almost three months, when contact was lost with Pathfinder for reasons unknown on September 27, 1997. Attempts to restore contact ended on March 10, 1998, and the mission was declared officially over.

Progressing beyond our world and into the future, projects like the Mir Space Station and Pathfinder will help unravel some of the mysteries of the universe beyond the horizon.

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From the beginning of his time at the university, Dr. Fleming has expressed his concern for making USM the best it can possibly be. The Commission on the Future of the University will be the instrument of his vision, as it deals with potential improvements concerning all aspects of campus life.





Direction

by Misty L. Knight

The reputation of the University of Southern Mississippi rests upon the exceptional quality of its faculty, the dedication of its staff, the success of its students, and close linkages to the community in which we live and the global society to which we relate."

This statement, which can be found in the Report of the Commission on the Future of the University, appropriately reflects the findings of the Commission and directs the suggestions which they made. The Commission, made of 36 members of the faculty, staff, student body, community, and USM alumni, designed a report to guide the future USM.

Three primary themes pervade the report. These include a student-centered focus, teamwork and collaboration, and development of the relationship between USM and the community. Members of the commission broke these areas down and gave specific suggestions to guide administrative decisions.

"The students are our reason for being. This means that our highest priority is placed upon the quality of the education we provide them," stated Dr. Horace W. Fleming, Jr. "I am thrilled with the commission's results and their student-centered focus."

USM students, staff, and faculty will be witnessing many necessary changes in the years to come. The Report of the Commission on the Future of the University has provided a framework for this change. Their results will allow the individuals who make up USM to contribute to the primary goal of the report. . .Building Our Future, Together.

Monty Lowe



Hadley Breckenridge

Taking the podium at his inauguration ceremony, **Dr. Horace Fleming** looks out to the crowd of students. He looks at those who are the future of the University of Southern Mississippi, those who will uphold and maintain the tradition of excellence.



